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# #REALEXPLORATION: WEST AFRICA'S FORGOTTEN FRONTIERS

By Tim Strong Spotlight Mining

There is a rich history of gold mining and exploration in West Africa. The Archean Leo-Man shield encompasses 17 countries and produces over 300 tons of gold per year. There has been a distinct focus on the Birimian greenstone belts of Mali, Ghana, and Cote d'Ivoire with major players such as Barrick, Anglo Ashanti Gold and Newmont all with monster operations in the region. Every year millions of dollars are pumped into the region searching for gold bearing greenstones and quartz stockworks – everyone looking for that next multi-million ounce.

research enabled the company to hone in on some very prospective and seemingly unexplored shear zones and greenstone belts in both nations.

With the Sierra Leonean government pausing the issuance of exploration licences for the foreseeable future, the green light was primed for an entry into the Republic of Liberia, where Origin now holds 336km<sup>2</sup> of gold exploration real estate spread over two licence areas.

Liberia a country with a fascinating history, being Africa's first declared independent republic. It has been noted by many people for its



*Origin's team met with local communities before starting work, to fully explain the planned exploration methodology, the community's land-rights and the company's hopes for development.*



*Wlowien Town in the East of our Unity licence. Road access here is maintained by a nearby palm plantation.*

The idea of Origin Exploration Ltd was conceived by the founding directors during the first wave of Coronavirus lockdowns in Europe. The mining industry was remaining resilient, gold price was going up and the taste for adventure was hot. The team pooled together their extensive experience on the continent to find the next bonanza gold region, avoiding the more common and somewhat overcrowded jurisdictions of Mali, Cote d'Ivoire, and Ghana. A focus was quickly initiated on the under-explored countries Sierra Leone and Liberia. Initial desk-based

natural resource potential and its underexplored nature. Since the end of the civil war in 2003, Liberia was on a steady trajectory to development. International companies came from the USA, UK, Turkey and beyond to search for iron ore, diamonds and gold on the geology which host so many ounces to the north and east. The Ebola pandemic of 2014/15 caused further setbacks but now Liberia is alive and open for business.

Whilst the gold mining industry in Liberia has not been in the limelight,

that is not to say it does not exist. Avesoro are currently operating the open pit New Liberty Mine in the Grand Cape Mount Country province of North West Liberia, the deposit currently has mineral reserves of 717,000 ounces at 3.03g/t. To the South west of the country Hummingbird and Pasofino recently entered an earn in agreement on the 4.2 million-ounce Dugbe project area. Australia's Tietto Minerals are also active in the area.

Since its conception, Origin Exploration has hit the ground running. Phase one field programs on the companies Moore's licence were completed shortly before Christmas 2020 before the team returned to complete work on the Unity licence in Maryland County in Q1 2021.

The Moore's licence is located in a fantastic position just outside the Roberts International Airport, with the paved Buchanan-Monrovia highway passing the licence area the teams have been able to access the whole licence without too much impediment. The geology shows initial



signs of considerable shearing and metamorphic alteration. Whilst at an early stage the company is encouraged by the amphibolite alteration, mappable shears, and extensive artisanal activity. Assay results pending!

*Geologists Rowan & Varney have led successful field mapping campaigns across both of Origin's projects.*



The Unity licence is a two-day drive from the Capital city, Monrovia, but lies in an interesting package of greenstone schists and there is well noted, considerable, artisanal activity, we believe that this makes the drive worth it (there's also 4 weekly MAF flights from the capital to nearby Harper for the car-shy among you)! Initial mapping and satellite multispec interpretation






appears to show us a few areas of high interest. In one area a distinct correlation between the presence of gold and magnetite content of the local gneisses and another identified area of interest is located in sheared volcanics

which bear smoky quartz veins being chased for km's by the local miners. The teams have just completed work on the property, and we are waiting on the assays from soil and rock chip sampling with heightened anticipation!

In addition to the rocks, an important aspect from the start was Origin's ESG focus, we have strived to "do it right

from the start", we have engaged with local communities on their needs, wishes and involvement on the projects. There has been extensive community consultation with both our Liberian team and expatriate ESG specialists which is paving the way for Origin to develop projects in a sustainable way which will benefit all stakeholders. We believe that this is an important step for the future of the mining industry, and we hope that acting responsibly from the start of the exploration cycle will put us years ahead down the avenue of development.

We think that Liberia is one of the most prospective geological terrains in West Africa and believe we have utilised the advantage of being ahead of the curve of people arriving and exploring. Our ESG focus has been successful in navigating and cooperating with our host communities and we hope that we are able to help the development of the Liberian nation by finding the next major gold mine in the country. This is #RealExploration.

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# SOUTHERN SILVER EXPLORATION TAPS INTO ONE OF THE WORLD'S TOP SILVER PRODUCING REGIONS

By Amanda Graff, M.A.

**L**ast year, while the COVID-19 pandemic took its toll on most commodities, the silver market remained impressively resilient, performing better than it has in decades, climbing 137% while investment demand climbed 62%. Market volatility introduced by the pandemic allowed the precious metals sector to gain significant traction, pushing both gold and silver in the right direction.

One company that is getting in on this action is Southern Silver Exploration Corp. (TSX.V: SSV), a low risk, B.C.-based junior exploration company with substantial upside potential. Southern Silver is focused on the discovery of world-class mineral deposits and they've achieved 100% ownership in the Cerro Las Minitas silver-lead-zinc project located in the heart of Mexico's Faja de Plata, otherwise known as the silver belt.

The Project is considered one of the most undeveloped silver-lead-zinc projects in the world and is wholly owned, royalty free, fully financed and fully permitted. It is also positioned in an area that is host to multiple world-class mineral deposits including Penasquito, Los Gatos, San Martin, Naica and Pitarrilla.

To actively explore these world class deposits, Southern Silver has assembled a team of highly experienced technical, operational and transactional professionals who are focused on developing the Cerro Las Minitas Project into a premier, high-grade, silver-lead-zinc mine.

## A LARGE LAND POSITION WITHIN MEXICO'S PROLIFIC SILVER BELT

Over 340 square kilometers in size, the Cerro Las Minitas Project features a large land position and is easily accessible by road. With historic production and resources of over three billion ounces of silver within the Faja de Plata, the Project has significant potential for future world class discoveries.

Throughout the property, near surface mineralization occurs as massive-sulphide pipes, veins and replacement deposits distributed in the skarn-altered margins of a large intrusive body. To date, Southern Silver has identified four high-grade silver-polymetallic deposits, the Blind Zone, El Sol Zone, Las Victorias Zone and the Skarn Front Zone as well as several other high priority targets.

In 2017, an extensive regional sampling program on the newly staked Cerro Las Minitas West property identified a large, 12km long precious metal enriched epithermal exploration target on trend with the nearby Avino Au-Ag Mines. A total





of almost 5,000 rock samples were taken which identified significant potential for a deposit buried under gravel cover. In Q2 of 2018, Southern Silver drill tested highly prospective targets on the West property and discovered several encouraging precious and pathfinder metal anomalies.

“Our growth strategy is based on developing quality assets in significant mineralized zones that are close to major infrastructure,” said Jay Oness, Vice President, VP Investor Relations, Southern Silver. “The high exploration potential of this Project combined with low market capitalization, lean operations, and a development path towards a potential mine scenario is creating an excellent opportunity for future growth and increased shareholder value.”

### A TRACK RECORD OF SUCCESS

Southern Silver had explored the property from late 2010 to 2012, completing airborne and ground geophysics in addition to 15,510m of core drilling across 62 drill holes. A year later, Southern Silver signed an earn in agreement

with Freeport-McMoRan Exploration Corporation (FMEC), who completed another 7,800m of drilling in 13 holes looking for a copper porphyry system.

By the end of 2012, two high-grade silver-polymetallic deposits, the Blind Zone and El Sol Zone, had been partially delineated and several other high priority targets were identified. Geological modeling of the Blind and El Sol deposit identified multiple distinct mineralized structures with an 820m cumulative strike-length, and with depth projections of up to 600m below surface.

Between 2012 and 2014, FMEC completed three additional lines of deep-penetrating IP geophysics and a gravity survey over the project area that confirmed the lateral extent of anomalies identified in earlier work completed by Southern Silver, and significantly extended the projection of several of the existing targets to over 600m in depth.

The summer 2013 drilling program targeted the South Skarn area, focusing in on an offset of drill hole 12CLM-055,

which previously identified anomalous gold mineralization over a 20m interval, averaging 0.8g/t gold including a 4.3m interval averaging 2.8g/t gold and 28g/t silver. A second 4.3m interval averaging 1.4g/t gold, 89g/t silver and 1.8% copper was intersected further down hole.

A total of 4 holes were drilled in this area, which extended the strike length to 250m and the depth to 300m below surface. This confirmed that mineralization at the South Skarn was still open along strike to the northeast and towards the historic La Bocona Mine.

One hole, (13CLM-066), was drilled through the Blind Zone as a test for deep skarn mineralization adjacent to the central intrusion. This hole not only successfully intersected the various horizons of the Blind Zone, but also encountered wide intervals of zinc rich skarn mineralization at a depth of 600m which subsequently became part of the newly identified Skarn Front Zone. Additional drilling commenced in November 2013 that targeted deep porphyry style mineralization which was successfully encountered.



## ADVANCING ONE OF THE LARGEST AND HIGHEST GRADE UNDEVELOPED SILVER PROJECTS IN THE WORLD; THE 100% OWNED, CERRO LAS MINITAS, DURANGO MEXICO

### May 2019 Mineral Resource Estimate (175g/t AgEq cut-off)

**INDICATED:** 134Mozs AgEq; 37.5Mozs Ag, 40Mlbs Cu, 303Mlbs Pb, 897Mlbs Zn;

**INFERRED:** 138Mozs AgEq; 45.7Mozs Ag, 76Mlbs Cu, 253Mlbs Pb, 796Mlbs Zn

- Acquisition of Electrum's 60% interest in the CLM Project for US\$15M in cash & share payments
- 150% increase in attributable resources and a 156% increase in net asset value
- Highly accretive transaction to SSV shareholders (based on both resources and NAV)

### Near-Term Resource Growth Opportunity

- Near-term resource growth target of 30-35Mt at 80-120 g/t Ag and 4-8% Pb/Zn (+350Mozs AgEq)
- 10,000m drill program, complete with assays returning highest grade to date
- Two drill rigs continue to follow up on High Grade Silver assays

### 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 stake

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## STRIKING BONANZA-GRADE SILVER

In spring of 2019, Southern Silver released an updated resource of 37.5Mozs Ag, 303Mlbs Pb and 897Mlbs Zn (134Mozs AgEq; 2.0Blbs ZnEq) Indicated and 45.7Mozs Ag, 253Mlbs Pb and 796Mlbs Zn (138Mozs AgEq; 2.0Blbs ZnEq) Inferred. This works out to an approximate exploration cost of \$0.07 per oz of silver equivalent in the ground, suggesting a fast and cost-effective upside potential which the company plans to pursue in the next few years.

In January of this year, Southern Silver announced that it had extended oxide-gold and sulphide zones at Cerro Las Minitas with 6.1m averaging 344g/t Ag, 5.7% Pb and 3.9% Zn (728g/t AgEq) and 1.0m grading 1070g/t Ag, 23.3% Pb and 3.2% Zn (1,937g/t AgEq).

More recently, the company announced it had identified Bonanza-grade silver mineralization on a second target within the Mina La Bocona zone at the Cerro Las Minitas property. Drilling on the east side of the property tested the down-dip projection of La Bocona

Chimney which was historically mined by artisanal miners to approximately 210m depth.

Bonanza grade assays from drill hole 20CLM-131 returned 15.1m down-hole (8.0m est. TT) averaging 1,072g/t Ag, 18.8% Pb and 7.5% Zn (2040g/t AgEq; 51.7% ZnEq) which includes subintervals of 1.1m down hole (0.6m est. TT) grading 3,180g/t Ag, 58.8% Pb and 2.3% Zn and 1.6m down hole interval (0.8m est. TT) grading 2,340g/t Ag, 35.9% Pb and 1.6% Zn.

Additional mineralized intervals intersected further down-hole included 16.1m down-hole (8.5m est. TT) averaging 121g/t Ag, 2.5% Pb and 2.5% Zn (311g/t AgEq; 7.9% ZnEq) which includes 3.0m down hole (1.6m est. TT) grading 413g/t Ag, 8.7% Pb and 9.3% Zn (1,103g/t AgEq; 28% Zn); and 1.0m down-hole (0.5m est. TT) averaging 59g/t Ag, 0.6g/t Au and 3.37% Cu (489g/t AgEq).

Drill hole 20CLM-131 is one of four holes which tested the extension of La Bocona Chimney over an approximate area of 60m x 140m, between the 210m mining level

and roughly 350m below surface. Results showed that mineralization is open to depth and partially open along strike.

The mineralization identified at La Bocona Chimney is the second, thick sulphide lens with Bonanza-grade silver identified in the Mina La Bocona target area and the third high-grade lens identified on the eastern side of the property. It's located just 150m to the west-northwest of the Muralla Chimney with previously reported drill holes 20CLM-125 (33.2m est TT averaging 435g/t AgEq) and 15CLM-078 (several zones including 5.6m est TT averaging 528g/t AgEq and 3.6m averaging 1077g/t AgEq).

Identifying a third near-surface sulphide lens with Bonanza-grade silver was a significant find because it demonstrates the targets' continued exploration potential and makes it possible to identify the critical mass of mineralization required to support a strategic mining scenario.

The drilling program also identified compelling sulphide and oxide

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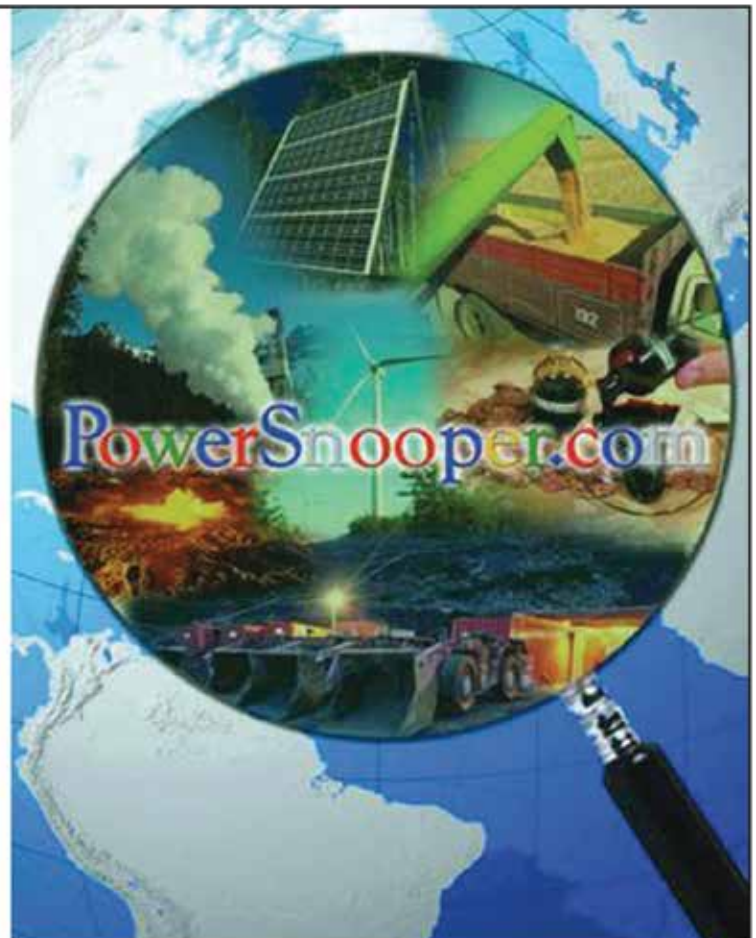
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intercepts within an 800m strike-length that will be followed up with additional drilling. A further 400m remains to be tested on the east side of the property and further drilling will also occur on the newly acquired El Sol Claim which will all form part of a continued 2021 drill campaign, so stay tuned.

Worth noting is the fact that none of the mineralization identified on the east side of the Cerro Las Minitas property, both historically and as part of this current exploration program, has yet been incorporated into the current Mineral Resource Estimate for the Project.

### ADDITIONAL, HIGHLY PROSPECTIVE TARGETS

On the Cerro Las Minitas property, additional assay results were announced from both the Muralla Chimney and the South Skarn Target, located 500m to the south of the Mina La Bocona target. Highlights of these results included:

- 9.2m down-hole (4.1 est. TT) averaging 205g/t Ag, 0.16g/t Au, 4.0% Pb and 0.9% Zn (377g/t AgEq; 9.5% ZnEq) which includes 1.3m down-hole (0.6m est TT) grading

575g/t Ag, 0.05g/t Au, 9.9% Pb and 2.2% Zn (972g/t AgEq; 24.7% ZnEq) from drill hole 20CLM-134 in the Muralla Chimney;

- 6.6m down-hole (4.4m est. TT) averaging 95g/t Ag, 0.7% Pb and 1.2% Zn (174g/t AgEq; 4.4 % ZnEq) which includes 1.0m down-hole (0.7m est TT) grading 398g/t Ag, 0.16g/t Au, 2.7% Pb and 4.0% Zn (679g/t AgEq; 17.2% ZnEq) from drill hole 20CLM-126 in the South Skarn target; and
- 1.6m down-hole (1.0m est. TT) grading 327g/t AgEq, 5.6% Pb and 11.5% Zn (960g/t AgEq; 24.4% Zn) from drill hole 20CLM-130 in the South Skarn target.

Approximately 8,600m of drilling has now been completed as part of the 2020-2021 exploration program, and Southern Silver has resumed the exploration program full force. A Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) is expected to be available towards the end of this year.

Southern Silver's property portfolio also includes 100% ownership in the Oro porphyry copper-gold Project located in southern New Mexico. This Project is a 2,237 hectare, gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc property featuring a classic porphyry zonation over a 6 square km area within the highly prospective Laramide Porphyry belt. Southern Silver is actively seeking a partner to finance further exploration on this property.

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# GOLD MOUNTAIN MINING – UNLOCKING BRITISH COLUMBIA’S NEXT MAJOR GOLD PRODUCER

By Amanda Graff, M.A.

Last year, as the COVID-19 pandemic created widespread economic insecurity while battering some global markets, gold prices continued to rise, reflecting the long-held opinion that gold remains a safe bet for investors during uncertain times. As gold extraction continues to decline globally, a lack of reserve replacements could indicate a potential bull market.

includes a gas station and restaurant, the Elk Gold property is a massive, past-producing 41,306 acre land package with 127,069m of historic drilling that is home to a high-grade gold-bearing mesothermal quartz and sulphide vein deposit. The property’s NI 43-101 showcases a resource estimate of 454,000 AuEq ounces in measured and indicated, and 95,000 AuEq of inferred ounces of resource while the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA)

## A PURE GOLD PLAYER WITH BIG PLANS

Gold Mountain is a junior pure gold player with a highly experienced management team that has laid out structured timelines, providing investors with an early opportunity to get in on their flagship Elk Gold property.



One major player that you’re going to want to keep your eye on is B.C.-based exploration company Gold Mountain Mining (TSX: V: GMTN) that is focused on developing the highly prospective, shovel-ready Elk Gold Project in Merritt, B.C. With a total mine life of 10 years, the Elk Gold property’s geological profile consists of high-grade gold veins with widespread gold mineralization. Past drilling and surveying campaigns have pointed to highly prospective mineralized zones that are ready for expansion.

## A MASSIVE, PAST PRODUCING LAND PACKAGE

Located only 2km from an all-season highway and the Elkhart Lodge which

contemplates a 50,000 ounce per year mine plan to be achieved by year 4.

The Elk Gold property’s highly prospective Siwash zone remains open in both directions along strike and down-dip and there are eight other established gold zones on the property with drill results indicating additional potential for discovery. Furthermore, exploration targets of up to 638,000 ounces show grades between 2.13 g/t and 4.26 g/t.

Gold Mountain’s vision is to increase the Elk Gold property’s current resource to over 1 million ounces, and to achieve this goal, the Company has allocated significant capital to an aggressive, multi-phased drill program.

Gold Mountain has a broad shareholder base that includes long-term shareholders and a strategic mix of institutional, retail and high-net-worth investors. The company’s management team brings more than 50 years of culminative experience to the Project and fosters an entrepreneurial culture focused on remaining a low-cost company, to promote agility and profitable production as Gold Mountain continues to grow. The executive team along with its affiliates hold 32% interest in the company, ensuring that shareholder and executive interests remain aligned.

## FAST TRACKING EXPLORATION ON A HISTORICALLY PROSPEROUS ASSET

Gold Mountain purchased the Elk Gold property from Equinox Gold (TSX:EQX)



in 2019, and in the short time since the acquisition, the company has achieved some major milestones. They've increased the resource estimate at the Elk Gold Project, published a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) confirming the project economics, gone public with a concurrent financing of \$4.7 million, entered into a contract mining agreement with Nhwelmen-Lake LP, signed an Ore Purchase Agreement with New Gold Inc., engaged JDS Energy and Mining Inc. to complete a prefeasibility study and closed a further \$10 million in financing.

Earlier this year, Gold Mountain announced the completion of its Qualifying Transaction with Bayshore Minerals Incorporated along with approval to trade on the TSX Venture Exchange, starting December 31st, 2020. At this time, the company had managed to close its \$4.7 million in financing, kick off Phase 1 of its drill program, and solidify plans to develop a high-grade, multi-pit production scenario.

A Joint Permit Amendment Application was submitted in May of 2020 which will

allow for the extraction of 70,000 tonnes of ore per year. The Permit was accepted through the application screening phase and Gold Mountain has responded to the first round of technical review questions provided by various regulators and they recently received the second and final round of technical review questions. It is anticipated that the Permit will be secured by the end of April this year.

In addition to permit approval, the company's structured timeline includes a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) Resource update and significant revenue production that has the potential to reach over C\$35 million in coming years.

## INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF HIGHLY PROSPECTIVE EXPLORATION ZONES

To lead the exploration of its Elk Gold property, Gold Mountain has engaged Kelowna-based HEG & Associates Exploration Services Inc. who will complete an initial 14,000-meter multi-phase drilling program. HEG & Associates is one of the country's premier mineral

exploration companies, located just 55km from the Elk Gold Project.

The main objective of the exploration program is to continually expand the property's Siwash North resource while defining new resources in eight highly prospective, drill testing exploration zones. Leveraging a wealth of historic data, Gold Mountain is able to approach the exploration program with confidence because they have a clear understanding of where the high-grade gold mineralization is trending and where drilling needs to occur to further expand the mineral resource.

With seven drill tested exploration zones outside of the existing resource, Gold Mountain is confident that they will achieve their long-term vision of a multi-pit production scenario. Market assay results from the exploration program are expected to be released throughout Q1 of 2021.

More recently, Gold Mountain announced that it retained JDS Energy & Mining Inc. to complete a pre-feasibility study at the Elk Gold property. It's anticipated



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that the pre-feasibility study will update the company's resource estimate at the Siwash North Zone, based on the results of the Phase 1 drill program.

JDS has a proven track record of engineering and expertise in building "fit for purpose" projects in Canada's north and the application of this expertise will greatly advance the Elk Gold Project by validating Gold Mountain's economics while accurately assessing underground potential. The study is expected to be completed in Q3 of 2021, so stay tuned.

## A STRONG FINANCIAL BACKING

In early February 2021, Gold Mountain announced that it secured a \$5.0 million brokered private placement by entering into an engagement letter with Canaccord Genuity Corp. and Gravititas Securities Inc. Since entering the agreement, the brokered private placement is now edging up towards \$9 million, which will significantly de-risk the Project by allowing Gold Mountain to fully cover its first \$3 million payment to Equinox Gold as the property was

originally purchased for \$10 million in 2019, with \$9 million remaining. Furthermore, Gold Mountain announced that it received an institutional lead order from Crescat Capital LLC, a global macro-hedge fund located in Denver, Colorado. Gold Mountain will leverage the proceeds from the Offering to advance the Elk Gold Project as well as to support working capital and general corporate purposes.

## MINIMIZING CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO DELIVER SHAREHOLDER VALUE

In line with Gold Mountain's objective to run lean in order to increase agility and production potential, the company announced earlier this year that it entered into an Ore Purchase Agreement with New Gold Inc. for a three year term. As part of the Agreement, Gold Mountain will deliver 70,000 tonnes of ore each year to the mill located at New Gold's New Afton Mine which is located approximately 130km from the Elk Gold Project.

**“** These types of projects are often considered high-risk because they're prone to cost overruns, said Kevin Smith, CEO of Gold Mountain. Through this Agreement, we're eliminating risk by avoiding the need to build onsite infrastructure which will allow us to save \$20 - \$30 million in capex, while operating more efficiently and speeding up our timelines. **”**

The ore will be sampled and weighed at the Elk Gold property to determine the contained ounces of gold and silver being delivered to the New Afton Mine. Following delivery of the ore, New Gold will pay Gold Mountain at the end of each calendar month based on the value of the gold and silver in the ore, net of the agreed metallurgical recovery, and concentrate selling costs. This Agreement represents a significant milestone in advancing initial production at the Elk Gold property by mitigating much of the variance and volatility of operational throughput

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for Gold Mountain while allowing the company to avoid risk of recovery.

## PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

Further solidifying Gold Mountain's long-term vision of a multi-pit production scenario and commitment to continually deliver shareholder value, is a strategic partnership that was struck earlier this year with Nhwelmen-Lake LP for contract mining services.

Considered a significant milestone for Gold Mountain, the partnership will advance production on the Elk Gold property while providing local communities with an opportunity to participate, creating 30 full time jobs. Nhwelmen-Lake is a majority owned, Indigenous mining contractor with a proven track record of successful operations throughout the province of B.C.

**“We're very excited to join forces with Nhwelmen-Lake LP as we tap into the potential of the past-producing, high-grade Elk Gold property,” said Kevin Smith, CEO of Gold**

**Mountain. “They bring deep environmental and archaeological expertise to the table, offering a full package of mining services that will play a significant role in expanding the property's resources.”**

The Mining Contract will provide Gold Mountain with certainty in its mining and ore haulage capital and operating costs while ensuring that the Elk Gold Project is operated in a safe, efficient manner that protects environmental and cultural resources.

Nhwelmen-Lake will be paid a fixed price per tonne mined at a price that's in line with the Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) metrics over the first three years of the Mining Contract which is determined based on the planned production rate, mined volumes, haulage distances and equipment productivity. The Mining Contract will remain in place throughout the life of the mine, carrying a three-year term which will provide Gold Mountain with the cash flow required to scale the business effectively.

The scope of the Contract includes mining ore at a rate of 70,000 tonnes per year, (200 tonnes per day), which will include waste mining, drilling, blasting, hauling, site supervision, operating personnel, road maintenance, dust suppression as well as all site preparation activities. Nhwelmen-Lake will also provide the haulage of plant feed material from the mine to the toll milling location at a fixed unit cost which aligns with the PEA.

Kevin Smith, CEO of Gold Mountain states: “We started this company with an early commitment to transparent and inclusive conversations with Indigenous communities in the surrounding regions of our Project. This contract is a result of those commitments and demonstrates our ability to deliver key partnerships to put the Elk Gold Project back into production, while at the same time, providing local communities with an opportunity to participate.”

To learn more about Gold Mountain Mining and the Elk Gold Project, visit [gold-mountain.ca](http://gold-mountain.ca).



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Partners typically spend approximately US\$1,000,000 on Bravada's properties each year advancing the company's projects.

- **Wind Mountain** – 4 RC holes drilled, awaiting assays.
- **Highland** – Completed 1 ½ core holes, plans to completed the second hole to target and drill additional RC holes in 2021.
- **SF/HC** – Two “Proof-of-Concept” drill holes in 2019 confirmed the presence of a gold system in in favorable host rocks and structures that are similar to those at the large, high-grade Goldrush deposit nearby. Adjacent HC claims were acquired, and additional claims were staked to allow further exploration of this large Carlin-type gold system.
- **Baxter** – Drill ready after detailed soil-sampling program.
- **Pete Hanson & Gabel** – Expected to be drill ready after a soil-sampling program on each.
- **North Lone Mtn** – Zinc and gold soil anomalies drill ready.
- **Shoshone Pediment** – Permitting two barite open pits by Baxter Hughes, Royalty to Bravada possible in 2021/2022.

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# AMBITIOUS EXPLORATION OF TODAY'S MOST SOUGHT-AFTER KEY ENERGY TRANSITION METALS

GRIZZLY DISCOVERIES EXPLORES MASSIVE LAND PACKAGE IN A BASE METALS-RICH B.C. DISTRICT

By Amanda Graff, M.A.

**A**s the world moves towards electrification to reduce the use of fossil fuels and combat climate change, we're seeing an increased focus on key energy transition metals that include gold, silver, aluminum, cobalt, copper, nickel and lithium.

At a global level, electricity demand is growing almost twice as fast as total energy demand with a 3% increase each year between 2000 and 2018. As part of this transition, experts estimate that global demand for cobalt, which is often produced as a by-product of

copper or nickel mining, will rise from the current 150,000 tonnes to between 235,000 and 430,000 tonnes by 2030.

Another metallic resource that's getting a lot of buzz these days is gold. Last year, as the COVID-19 pandemic introduced massive economic insecurity, the value of gold continued to rise by approximately 19%. Gold is typically seen as a safe haven asset in times of uncertainty because it is less volatile than other investments.

With this in mind, one Canadian exploration company that you're going

to want to watch out for is Grizzly Discoveries (TSX.V:GZD), an aggressive and diversified player that is committed to exploring both world class gold and base metal deposits including cobalt and copper in British Columbia.

In 2021, Grizzly Discoveries will focus on exploring the company's Robocop Project, where recent geophysics indicated multiple large-scale anomalies. Previous work resulted in anomalous high-grade copper and cobalt on the margins of the new target areas, and drill testing the targets this year will provide an opportunity to generate new discoveries.

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The company has spent over \$8 million to date and 25% of the company is owned by its highly experienced senior management team. With just over 90 million shares out, Grizzly Discoveries has remained committed to streamlining operational costs, and has managed to run lean throughout its many years of operations.

## THE LARGEST MINERAL TITLES OWNER IN A GOLD RICH DISTRICT

Grizzly Discoveries is an aggressive yet conscientious gold and base metals exploration company that has amassed a massive land package known as the Greenwood Project, which stretches over 180,000 acres in the historically productive Republic-Greenwood Gold District of southeastern B.C.

Prior to Grizzly Discoveries' acquisition of the Project in 2008, this land had produced roughly 7 million ounces of gold, over 6 million ounces of silver, and over 560 million pounds of copper. Grizzly Discoveries has garnered recent attention in a new rush with some strong results, and is now positioned as the largest mineral titles owner in the District.

Nestled in an area that is rich with upside potential, the Greenwood Project sits less than 10km north of the Buckhorn Gold Mine, formerly known as The Crown Jewel, which had a 1.2 million ounce gold resource at 16 grams/tonne of gold. Greenwood is also located less than 50km north of the Golden Eagle Project, which boasts a greater than two million ounce gold resource.

Based on the results of compilation, assessment, and exploration work undertaken by Grizzly Discoveries, it is believed that a large portion of the Greenwood Project lands over a continuation of the same geological structures that comprise these two historically producing mines.

## AN AMBITIOUS EXPLORATION PROGRAM YIELDING PROMISING RESULTS

Grizzly Discoveries' massive Greenwood Project is made up of three company managed projects – Ket 28, Dayton and Motherlode. To date, Grizzly Discoveries has uncovered seven

mineralized areas on the property and has invested more than \$6 million to support exploration activities.

**“** *Our Greenwood property is so enormous and has such vast potential that we've broken it out into smaller projects and are currently in the process of attracting strategic partners to come on board in order to take a truly targeted approach to achieving our objectives* **”**

said Jim Greig, Director, Grizzly Discoveries.

Ket 28 is a significant gold target located in a road accessible, prolific area, directly adjacent to the U.S. border.



From 2009-2010, Grizzly Discoveries initiated rock and HMC sampling, ground geophysics, and a nine diamond drill hole program on the property.

As a result of this program, rock samples near the prospect yielded assays up to 53.2 g/t Au. A ground magnetics and horizontal-loop electromagnetic (HLEM) survey was also completed over the Ket 28 prospect that indicated the presence of a northwest oriented structure and a large magnetic anomaly associated with Au mineralization.

Last August 2020, Grizzly Discoveries engaged the services of APEX Geoscience Ltd. to assist in planning a 2,000m, 11-plus hole core drill program on Ket 28. Towards the end of September, the drilling program commenced with Full Force Diamond Drilling Ltd. boring the first core hole.

In just a little over a month, Grizzly Discoveries reported that a total of 15 drill-holes had been completed, exceeding the original estimate of 11, for a total of 1,975m. Gold mineralization was present in all but one of the 15 holes intersected. This program was supported by more than \$1.2 million that the company had raised through long-time shareholders and new investors.

Initial results from the first six drill-holes provided high-grade gold intersections and broad intercepts of moderate grade gold located near surface. Key intervals included 1.59 grams per tonne of gold over 17.8m from 43m including 7.37 grams per tonne of gold over 3.08m, (20KT02) and 0.77 grams per tonne of gold over 31m

from 54.5m including 1.42 grams per tonne of gold over 11.5m from 61m (20KT04).

Results from the last nine holes released in December 2020, showed that drilling continued to intersect broad, near-surface gold mineralization. Key intervals included 0.92 grams per tonne of gold over 14m from 27m including 4.53 grams per tonne of gold over 2m (20KT14) and 0.48 grams per tonne of gold over 11.84m from 20.16m including 3.6 grams per tonne of gold over 1m from 20.16m (20KT13).

In addition to Ket 28, the massive Greenwood Project is also comprised of two other company managed prospects known as Dayton-Sidley and Motherlode. The Dayton-Sidley block represents the north-west corner of the Greenwood Project and Grizzly Discoveries conducted exploration

at this prospect in 2009-2011 which included 14 holes and 2,777m of diamond drilling. Results indicated porphyry bulk tonnage style Au-Copper mineralization, open to depth and along strike.

The Motherlode claim block covers three historic producing Cu-Au skarn deposits from which a total of 4.2 million tonnes at a grade of 0.8% Cu and 1.3 g/t Au was produced from 1896-1918 and 1956-1962. Grizzly Discoveries conducted exploration on the Motherlode block in 2008-2011, which consisted of HMC analysis, rock and soil sampling, as well as ground geophysics. Rock sampling was focused on the areas surrounding the existing Motherlode, Sunset, and Greyhound pits, with seven samples returning assays greater than 5 g/t Au.

Ground geophysics and an HLEM survey over the Motherlode north area indicated an interesting magnetic low-high trend of NW orientation indicative of an EM anomaly. Furthermore, drilling that occurred in 2011 yielded a new polymetallic discovery of Au-Ag-Pb-Zn-Cu north of the historic Motherlode Pit.

### TAPPING INTO KEY ENERGY TRANSITION METALS

Towards the end of 2017, Grizzly Discoveries performed an initial review to see if its land holdings were prospective for the presence of cobalt (Co). The strategic review identified the presence of at least 13 rock grab samples with greater than 0.05%, including up to 0.10% Co, from at least five separate targets across the eastern half of the Greenwood Project area.

The database shows an additional 31 rock grab samples that have yielded assays of between 0.02 and 0.05% Co. A preliminary review of the sample database indicates that many of the rock samples with anomalous Co also contain anomalous values for Cu and precious metals including Au and Ag.

Furthermore, in spring of 2018, Grizzly Discoveries completed the acquisition of five mineral claims over 5,864 acres on its Robocop property, located just east of Greenwood. Under the terms of the Robocop Agreement, Grizzly

Discoveries acquired a 100% interest, subject to a 3% net smelter royalty ("NSR"). The Company also has the right to purchase two thirds of the NSR for \$1,500,000 within two years after the delivery of a positive feasibility study.

Jim Greig, Director of Grizzly Discoveries states: "We completed a strong gold exploration program on our Greenwood property last year with exceedingly positive results and we're now focused on Robocop, where we will commence a drill program in the second half of 2021 to focus on exploring cobalt and copper – green metals that are essential to supporting the electrification of the world. We are very excited that our copper results so far have shown a grade of over 1%."

The property is located in southeastern B.C., immediately north of the Canada-USA border. Areas with significant historic cobalt-copper-silver (Co-Cu-Ag) in soil anomalies have been identified on the Robocop property through historic drilling, presenting an opportunity to discover key energy transition metals as the world shifts to electric vehicles and greener alternatives.



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In 2018, Grizzly Discoveries mobilized a field crew to the Robocop Project which was led by APEX Geoscience Ltd. They conducted and completed a two-week surface exploration program in advance of a follow-up airborne geophysical survey. As a result, Cu-Co mineralization was identified and sampled 3.8km to the northwest at Miller Creek and 3.2km south at Phillips Creek, demonstrating lateral continuity of anomalous Cu-Co mineralization.

Miller Creek results yielded up to 1.41% Cu, 0.62% Cu and 0.015% Co from three separate grab samples, while Phillips Creek South returned up to 0.09% Cu and 0.01% Co in limited rock grab sampling from an area with no history of anomalous Cu-Co mineralization. This sampling confirmed previous anomalous results with grab samples returning up to 1.46% Cu and 0.036% Co in two separate areas where historic trenching and drilling had occurred.

More recently, Grizzly Discoveries retained the services of Geotech Ltd. to complete a 400 line km Versatile Time Domain Electromagnetic (VTEM™) and

magnetic survey over the Robocop property. The survey, which was flown at 100m spacing, will provide the first property-wide, high resolution geophysical images of the property. An initial review of preliminary data indicates the presence of a number of promising conductive EM and magnetic anomalies that will be further explored.

This VTEM™ dataset will also help to better define the geological model of the property and to target conductive portions which could potentially be associated with anomalies, particularly those that might be associated with sulphide minerals and Co-Cu-Ag mineralization. This dataset will be analyzed in order to inform a follow up drill campaign that is planned for the summer of 2021.

## PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

In pursuing its ambitious cobalt and precious base metal exploration programs, Grizzly Discoveries has always remained committed to operating in a transparent, environmentally conscious manner that involves collaboration

with local communities. They've maintained a successful relationship with local First Nations including the Osoyoos Indian Band on the Greenwood Project, undertaking consultation and committing to ongoing collaboration.

Director of Grizzly Discoveries, Jim Greig explains:

**“** Throughout our operations, we've always been committed to maintaining strong relationships with First Nations communities, undertaking comprehensive consultations and providing opportunities for training and employment. Grizzly Discoveries has and will continue to actively encourage First Nations involvement in our projects and will use qualified First Nations employees and contractors in all activities, where available. **”**

For more information on Grizzly Discoveries' precious base metal and cobalt exploration activities, visit [www.grizzlydiscoveries.com](http://www.grizzlydiscoveries.com)

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# 3 WIND-AT-THE BACK FACTORS DRIVING SILVER TO EXPONENTIAL GAINS.

By David H. Smith

**A**t virtual conferences over the last year or so, I have advanced a specific argument. The premise is that three core factors are destined to drive gold, copper, uranium, the mining shares, and in particular physical silver to exponential heights.

**The First Factor:** After successfully testing and reversing from the sector lows of the last 50 - 80 years, the evidence increasingly suggests we've embarked upon a secular commodities mega-boom. As the old saying goes, "The bigger the base, the greater the upside case."

**The Second Factor** involves a massive disconnect between the relative price of the major miners, and those in the junior production space. These two elements promise to amply reward investors who research, make and implement a plan that fits them personally.

The sub-Reddit, WallStreetBets attack on the GameStop short sellers, serendipitously brought people together around the idea that silver's time to rise and shine has arrived. Their mistake - so far - has been to attempt a frontal attack on the deep-pocketed stock traders and futures market paper pushers. But they have been correct in targeting the purchase of physical silver from metals' dealers across the country, quickly driving premiums through the roof and emptying the supply pipeline.

As "the street runs dry" of retail physical product, digital silver becomes the logical - the only, and in a number of respects - the best option. Silver Stackers have started using modern technology, and along with a legion of newly-educated and highly motivated millennials, it's turning into a movement.

Figure 4. The Valuation Gap Between Senior and Juniors is at Historic Extremes



Source: BMO Capital Markets, FactSet. North American senior vs. junior gold miners. As of 7/19/19.



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**The Third Factor** - only dimly recognized - and at this time, impossible to quantify - is the demand that the rise of digital silver, enabled by the blockchain and used for commerce, industrial manufacturing, and investor speculation is going to have on supply and price.

Dozens of attempts have been made to design and implement a process whereby gold and/or silver are purchased and stored securely, with a "receipt" granted to the owner in the form of a digital coin or token, immutably recorded on a blockchain, and either stored onsite on a hyper ledger or in a hardware wallet. Most of these efforts have fallen by the wayside due to regulatory issues, poorly-designed protocols or lack of clarity as to what the project is trying to accomplish.

The vehicle David Morgan and I, as investors and ambassadors are most involved with, is the LODE Global Cryptographic Silver (and Gold) Project, now almost four years old.



The end-game silver scenario is likely to play out as follows. As more players enter the retail investment space and product becomes scarce with elevated premiums, light bulbs start going off in the heads of industrial users, and silver stockpiling becomes the norm.

Then a manufacturer like Apple, or an electronics production company announces they have purchased large quantities of thousand ounce bars to

meet factory inventory needs. By this time, the COMEX, able to settle only in cash, has been completely discredited and silver users attempt to source from the SGE, but China now holds a silver lever, much like they have done with REEs. Several junior primary silver miners have either contracted most of their future silver production at elevated prices or been bought outright. Finally it is revealed that hedge funds and family offices have

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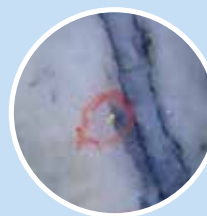
Silver is now on the cusp of such a profound transformational change that it has the potential to literally re-imagine the metal’s future. The technological society that silver has helped create may also be at its own point of reckoning. The world’s oldest money is once again moving onto the stage.

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Ted Butler has long researched and written about the misalignment of silver's price in relation to its true value, due in no small part to institutional manipulation, which, over several decades, has cost the rest of us literally billions of dollars. As he commented:

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# ANFIELD ENERGY, THE ELECTRIFICATION OF EVERYTHING

By Andrew O Donnell



**W**e knew that it would only be a matter of time, but it seems that uranium is poised to make its big move. There is a flurry of activity since the beginning of January in the uranium sector as clean energy exploration companies like UEC see their metrics, valuations and stock price significantly increase. Many greenfield companies are enjoying the momentum and Anfield, who is sitting on a near term producing asset, is sitting in a dominant position.

## BIG MOVERS: WHAT CHANGED?

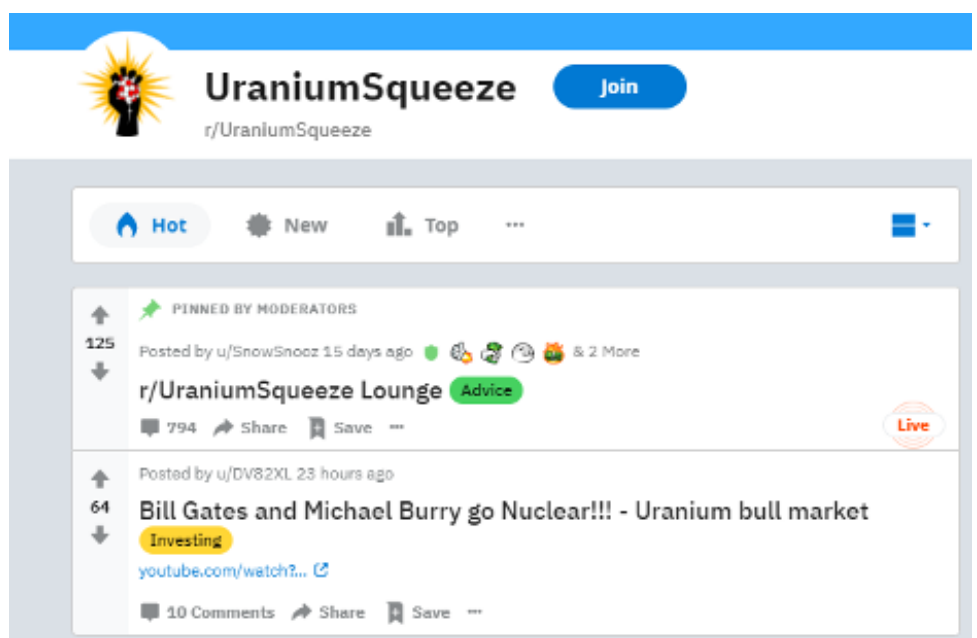
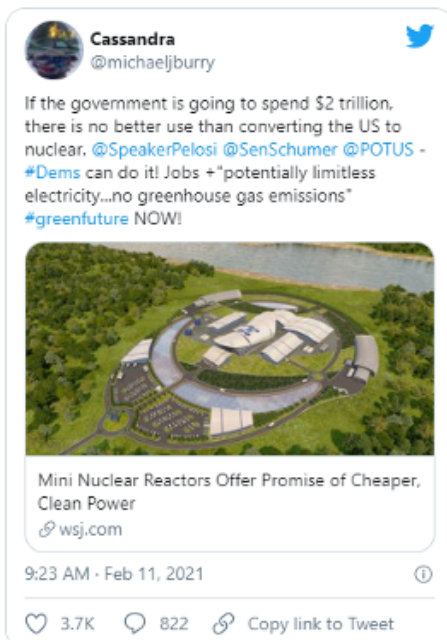
One can make the case it was with Biden winning the election that the energy shift would begin. It was obviously well underway, but there is certainly the belief that a dramatic change in policy would be initiated with a Biden win. As the new administration has laid out its climate plans, that surge has continued.

Major forecasters expect electricity demand to grow an incremental 55% by 2035 as electric vehicle penetration shapes as an emerging influence.

Decarbonisation: With many countries below Paris-ratified targets, we expect there to be a renewal of interest in nuclear as a viable source of emissions-free energy. We also note that many nations are now targeting COVID-19 recovery infrastructure funds that include carbon-free sources of energy.

Canaccord notes that it expects China (currently at 4% nuclear) to have a significant nuclear reactor build-out to meet its 2030 clean energy target of 20%.

There is a lot to cover with the Green Initiatives being promoted by Biden





and his team. Democrats endorsed nuclear energy for the first time in 48 years as part of its “technology neutral” approach to decarbonising the power sector. The predictions or blueprint presented by the World Economic Forum seems to be on target with the trillions of dollars to flow into innovation, and energy that meet the targets of the new shift towards our electric future. I always want to stress that there is a lot of good and a lot of bad in this new initiative but there is a massive opportunity to create intergenerational wealth by investing in this new energy shift.

For those of you who do not know who Dr. Michael J Burry is, I recommend checking out the movie The Big Short. Dr. Burry ran Scion Capital - a hedge fund - that recognized the ugliness of the subprime mortgage crisis of 2008. He, like so many others, is hinting or at least hoping that funds will be applied appropriately to realistic energy projects that will meet ever growing demands. This has led a potential uranium squeeze to garner attention

on Twitter, Reddit and other social forums like Clubhouse.

Squeeze is trending, and chat rooms are talking about uranium and it is about time.

### IS URANIUM ON ITS WAY PAST \$100, AGAIN?



Denison Mines is up roughly 80%. If you remember back in the last uranium run it went from \$0.18 to nearly \$12. Denison Mines is a Canadian uranium exploration, development, and production company in the Athabasca Basin region of northern Saskatchewan, Canada. Their portfolio includes roughly 280,000 hectares.

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Uranium Energy Corp has gone from 1.80 on January 1st, 2021 to \$2.34 as of February 17, 2021. This is a strong uranium exploration and production company run by Amir Adnani and it has, with production-ready capacity of 4 million pounds U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub> per year, more than is produced in the U.S.

But in that same breath used to be Uranium One and that less then attractive for investing right now with its political risk and is a private. I mention it mainly because it is a well-known entity but also ties in with Anfield Energy hat we want is one of their projects and near-term production. There is



Cameco is the second largest uranium producer and can turn on production at any time. The company has a licensed capacity to produce more than 53 million pounds of uranium concentrates annually, backed by 461 million pounds of proven and probable mineral reserves. The stock has risen roughly 20% since January 1st, 2021.

excitement in production companies and royalty companies and certainly in the green and brownfield projects in this clean energy space but Anfield stands out because of the combination of project and near-term production. After all, the demands for energy are now. Any serious discussion of changing the energy profile means nuclear.



That means Anfield Energy. Its aim is to:

- Produce uranium to leverage larger-scale, longer-term production opportunities in a higher-price uranium environment.
- Participate in ISR (solution mining) uranium production to leverage near-term production opportunities in a lower-price uranium environment.
- Create a robust U.S.-based energy company with significant potential production upside, through both organic growth and asset acquisitions.

The Charlie Property is in Wyoming and, along with the likes of Utah and Nevada, these are exceptionally mining friendly environments. The first hurdle is raising money for Charlie's ISR well field development and pipeline construction. That does mean more stock issuance but certainly we would expect at higher prices as we are already seeing with Anfield already up 40% for the year. I hope you are noticing the uranium price and stock runs some of these companies went on. That certainly is not a promise that it will happen again but most uranium analysts and professionals in the space will caution that people get well positioned because when it takes off it starts moving fast. There is a lot of room for market cap growth with Anfield.

Ion energy is a junior exploration company that is a close comparison, and its has enjoyed a significant increase in stock growth from .32 on Jan. 1 to .68 as of date of article with its market cap sitting at roughly 30 million. I mention this because it is having some success in its exploration endeavors and being rightly rewarded. Anfield has an impressive asset that can be online in the short term and Anfield Energy's market cap is \$23 MILLION. To me there is great potential, and I am not discounting that there are 172 million shares out. That is a big chunk, but one must think about what a producer would look for: if it wanted to add production quickly how easy is it to keep drilling compared to building out a pipeline and well field operations at Charlie at a relatively low cost of \$7 million.

The company has other uranium assets in Utah, Colorado, and Wyoming to



build out as well. There are plenty of good projects and Anfield has been patiently waiting with its core group of investors for the tides to change.

The final thought is Newsboy a gold project that adds another dimension and stability in case the Biden administration pivots and somehow can find a solution that is not oil and gas or uranium to meet demand. It leaves this project as a possible spinout and bonus play for current investors.

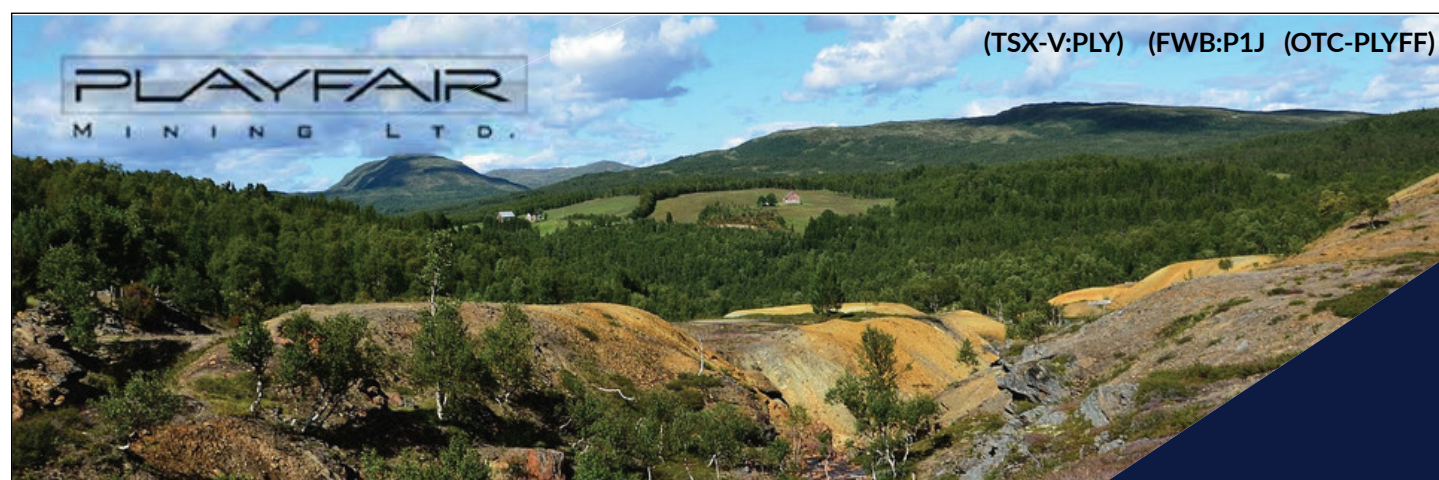
Is Anfield Energy perfectly set up? No. it is not perfect but there is a big opportunity to see it run and start hitting milestones. There is a big potential upside with the portfolio of properties especially if we just focus on the Charlie property. There is great room for growth here, and Anfield is perfectly positioned to be a part of that growth.

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# BONDS AND GOLD REACT DIFFERENTLY TO “INFLATION” ... OR DO THEY?

AS USUAL, THE PIED PIPERS OF THE GOLD BUG ECHO CHAMBER ESPECIALLY ARE, AT BEST, FIGHTING THE LAST WAR; AND HAVE AGAIN FAILED TO UNDERSTAND TODAY’S MARKET DYNAMICS.

By Chris Temple

**T**he morning of Wednesday, February 17, brought a minor (so far) jolt to markets the likes of which had not been seen in quite some time: a **HUGE jump in U.S. producer price “inflation.”** Expected to come in at a 0.4% rise month-over-month, the number instead was a whopping +1.3% rise in producer prices; *in one month!*

Granted, year-over-year numbers remain relatively tame. Yet it’s *the recent trajectory* that has a few more people on Wall Street taking notice: a host of base metals, energy and even agricultural commodities have all been on tears in the recent past. Increasingly, it’s being believed that broader consumer price inflation will soon be picking up notably on the heels of all this.

While such a move in a headline inflation number like this has had the expected outcome where the Treasury bond market is concerned—pushing yields to their highest close since before the Plannademic—**gold decidedly has not followed the script.** In fact, the yellow metal closed the week just past hanging on for dear life to a hoped-for “double bottom” within that \$1,750-\$1,775 per ounce range I suggested months ago was the potential next destination; this, after advising my Members to *sell* our ETF and trading positions at last summer’s peak near \$2,100/ounce.

What gives!?

## “FROM STAR COMMODITY TO SHOCKING LAGGARD”

That was the key phrase of a *Bloomberg* headline as gold struggled to get off the mat last week. Yet gold’s being

a laggard given the runs of *almost everything* else in the recent past—not the least of which, all the industrial metals, “Green energy” plays, Bitcoin, etc.—is no mystery, as I have been discussing for some time. But it apparently is to some of the “usual suspects,” who once more have egg on their faces over their calls that gold was going to soar post-U.S. election thanks to 1. Biden’s victory, 2. The appointment of the hyper-Keynesian Establishment retread Janet Yellen as Treasury Secretary, 3. The Democrat Party’s takeover of the Senate and 4. The likely prospects of a few *gazillion dollars’* worth of MORE “stimulus” of one kind or another; all of which was supposed to send gold *soaring* with these other things.

As I have said countless times, though, folks who have been too trusting of the yarns and sales pitches (as opposed to sound, informed market advice) of too many gold gurus need to remember a fact of life of the markets *today*: **and that is, gold’s fate is NOT determined by what “Gold bugs” think, but what the 99%+ of other investors think.** And for the time being, all those other generalist investors/NON-Gold bugs have a lot more to occupy their time and money with that is working.

## MISUNDERSTANDING “INFLATION”

“Inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon, in the sense





that it cannot occur without a more rapid increase in the quantity of money than in output. ”

-- Milton Friedman (and others)

It's been some 40 years since the last major surge of consumer price inflation in the U.S. peaked with the likewise double-

what has been a 40-year trend now of generally declining price measures has been accompanied—as now—with dire warnings that this time our fate really will be “hyperinflation.” Maybe we dodged the bullet in the late 70's – early 80's and didn't quite get to the Weimar Germany-like “wheelbarrow stage”...but it's coming! And you'd better own gold!



digit high interest rates that the 1980's began with. Since that time, each notable rebound in consumer prices within

Yet with each fleeting move back toward broader and sustained consumer price inflation, those

episodes petered out almost as quickly. I won't take the time and space here to go into it all; but I addressed this in some considerable detail (along with several other subjects and investment themes) on the day of that big PPI jump with my buddy Trevor Hall at *Mining Stock Daily*.

As I explained (and will be further in MUCH more detail in the coming few weeks), the BIGGEST thing that has all the Gold bugs and others wrong-footed yet again is **their failure to understand “The Flation Debate” as it IS in the Year 2021.** I URGE you to listen to the recording at [https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-upmyp-d22ba12?utm\\_campaign=w\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=w\\_share](https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-upmyp-d22ba12?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share).

And on this subject, your “homework” is also to go back to a discussion I had with Palisade Gold Radio's Tom Bodrovics on this same subject; it can be listened to at <https://palisadesradio.ca/chris-temple-inflation-deflation-or-stagflation-and-the-implications-for-gold/>.



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**The takeaway/main point is this: Those who are again looking for “inflation” to bubble up continue to fight this war as if it is the 1970’s.**

This is not to say that the moves in a number of commodities are NOT the real thing; and some of them continue to have room to run. But investors

will need to be careful to not get too caught up that they cannot see the bigger deflationary dangers that still lurk out there; and which could with rapidity take copper, oil, and darn near everything down sharply for a while.

Because — AGAIN—we have *already* had a huge surge of inflation *in the markets*; and the speculation, froth and financial imbalances engendered once again by the Fed in all

this could, with little or no warning, cause a deflationary blow off.

So I agree with an assessment of a few days ago offered by Mohamed El-Erian who, likewise, suggested

that shortages of many commodities (*fundamentally* of all of them, **uranium**

is the best story) could lead to further “pops” in some prices; but that the idea of all this leading to a broad, sustained period of overall rising consumer prices is unlikely (just like—as you see via the above chart—the dramatic but temporary surge in copper post-Crash over a decade ago did not lead to the kind of “inflation” many predicted then ... nor will it do so now.)

### THE RISE IN TREASURY YIELDS: WHERE WILL THEY PEAK THIS TIME?

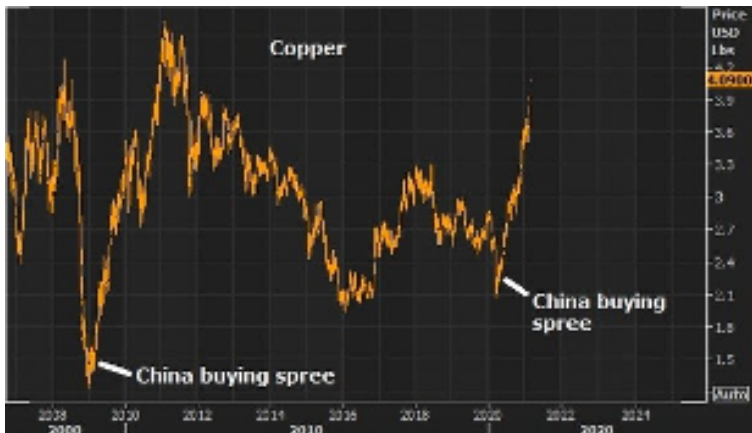
None the less—together with the uptick in prices of many things of late—we have seen a reaction of some note in **the Treasury market**, even if gold is still a wallflower for the time being. As with other episodes in recent years where the long, secular bull market for Treasuries has been interrupted and it looks to some as if we will see a sustained move back toward much higher rates, **this one, too, is especially closer to its end than its beginning.**

As you see via the above chart, yields have moved back now to where they twice *bottomed* in big ways in years past. I do not believe they can move much above the 1.4% - 1.5% level on the 10-year Treasury yield without finally inflicting more damage on the stock market especially.

While some are looking at the bond market and surmising that the “bond market vigilantes” of old have come back from seeming extinction and are now going to relentlessly sell off Uncle Sam’s I.O.U.’s and drive rates higher, they shouldn’t get their hopes up (and if they correctly have *shorted*



As I explained in both of those above interviews, since that “Second Act” of Paul Volcker’s Chairmanship of the Fed beginning in 1982-1983 turned all these



equations on their heads, “inflation” has by design come about in the form of **rising asset prices**. That is where the HUGE surge in credit ... DEBT levels. . . (i.e.—new “money”) has gone.

As with the additional, big Plannademic-related surge in the size of the Fed’s balance sheet, asset classes of all kinds have been goosed in the hopes that said “wealth effect” will trickle down to the hoi polloi and allow most to *at least* service the gargantuan debt loads. But as we have all seen in recent years—and as I discussed especially with Trevor Hall—there are limits to what the economy can bear as a *matter of simple mathematics* in the form of higher consumer prices especially, before demand is hit and prices at the source/wholesale level must soften anew.







**"I'll start selling bonds if you do not take steps to reel in inflation."**

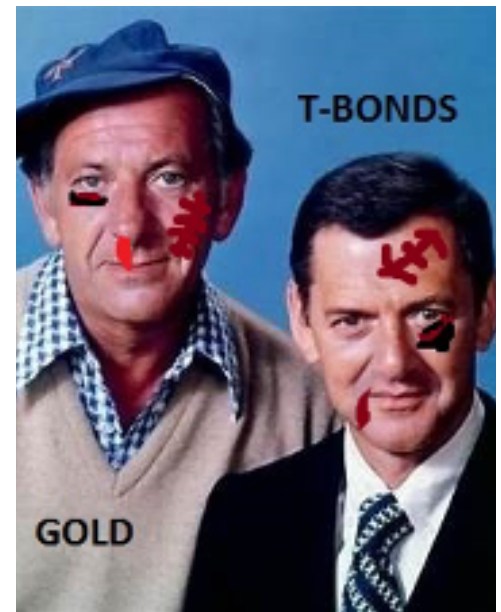
Treasuries of late, they'd better head for the exit.) **The Fed will NOT allow such an uncontrolled move in the markets of longer-term yields higher that would dramatically undermine all the bubbles it's re-blown.**

### GET READY FOR "THE ODD COUPLE'S" RETURN


More often than not over the last decade or so post-Financial Crisis, what I have called **The Odd Couple Trade** – being long both Treasuries and gold at the same time—has been a winner. And it will be again, in my view; *perhaps soon*.

Yes, Felix and Oscar are battered right now. *But that won't be lasting*. And that is precisely because the narrative many are believing in of this return to a long, sustained period of price inflation is unlikely to occur; indeed, it *mathematically* pretty much can't. (Again, you **NEED TO LISTEN** to the two above-linked discussions to get the details as to *why*.)

Inevitably, we will see the markets realize that—after this post-Plannedemic "bounce" of both economic activity and prices has played itself out—we will be back to where we were prior: a bloated, debt-choked economy that *cannot* grow sustainably no matter how much the



Fed prints. **And especially if we see that epiphany come suddenly and/or via some financial "accident" the rediscovery of Treasuries and gold will be dramatic.**



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# GRAN COLOMBIA GOLD CORP. EXPANDING RESERVES THROUGH EXPLORATION

By *Christian Elferink*

In the green landscapes of Colombia lies a historic mining district that hosts the flagship operation of an emerging mid-tier Canadian gold producer. With an average head grade of 14.5 grams per tonne gold produced in 2020 and an average head grade of 13.8 grams per tonne gold produced over the last 10 years, the Segovia Operations of **Gran Colombia Gold Corp (TSX: GCM; OTCQX: TPRFF)** is one of the highest-grade underground mines in the world.

The Segovia Operations consists of approximately 9,000 hectares in the mining district of Antioquia just 180 kilometers northeast from the capital Medellin. These high-grade mines that lie within the Segovia Operations have been in continuous production for over 150 years and have produced an estimated 6 million ounces during that period. The El Silencio, Providencia, and Sandra K underground mines are currently being mined by the company. The fourth operating mine, The Carla Mine, lies just 10 kilometers to the southeast of the Segovia mines on the Carla property.

There is no need to worry that there might not be any gold left after more than a century of historical mining. Gran Colombia took control of the assets in 2010 and immediately started an extensive exploration drilling program to identify new zones of mineralization near the existing mines to expand resources and improve the life of mine.

## CURRENT EXPLORATION

With a current mineral reserves estimate of 670,000 ounces at 10.5 g/t Au and a minerals resources estimate of 1.3 million ounces at 11.7 g/t Au in

the Measured & Indicated category the company is set to aggressively explore the Segovia Operations in search for more gold. With currently only 3 of the 27 known veins being mined, this provides an excellent opportunity to achieve their goal to expand resources and extend Segovia's mine life.

In January 2020 the company announced an in-mine and near-mine infill drilling campaign with six diamond drills. The program consisted of 159 drill holes totaling approximately 31,400 meters or 70% of the planned program. Due to COVID-19 delays, the first results from the 2020 program were released in July and looked as follows:

- Providencia: 111.79 g/t Au over 0.95 meters (PV-GM-U02-19);
- Sandra K: 45.63 g/t Au with 78.4 g/t Ag over 0.50 meters on the Sandra K Techo Vein (SK-IU-140);
- Sandra K: 34.13 g/t Au with 182.7 g/t Ag over 0.48 meters on the 6640 Vein (SK-IU-138);
- El Silencio: 70.13 g/t Au and 184.1 g/t Ag over 0.99 meters on the 1180 Vein (ES-IU-116);
- El Silencio: 12.32 g/t Au and 13.4 g/t Ag over 0.38 meters on the Nacional Vein (ES-MH07-01);

- El Silencio: 29.66 g/t Au and 41.6 g/t Ag over 0.72 meters on the Manto Vein (ES-MH07-01); and,
- Carla: 59.29 g/t Au and 48.6 g/t Ag over 0.66 meters on the Gran Colombia Vein (CA-ES-016).

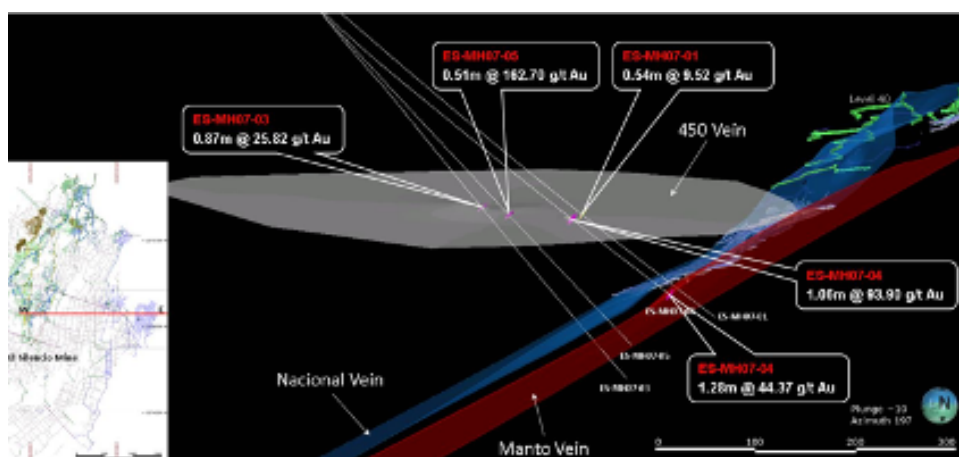
Given the reserve grade of 10.5 g/t Au the results are encouraging and expected to contribute to mineral resource growth.

On December 21, 2020, the company discovered a new vein which is identified as a low angle vein and occurs in the hanging wall of the Nacional Vein, part of the of the El Silencio mine. 4 holes hit significant mineralization in the new 450 Vein with the best intercept showing **162.70 g/t Au with 77.0 g/t Ag over 0.51 meters.** The El Silencio mine now consists of 3 high grade veins.

Besides the discovery of the new vein, drilling has identified a new ore body at the Providencia mine which remains open at depth, and drilling at the Sandra K mine showed that mineralization is still open along strike and at depth. The results released to date confirm that the current operating mines of Gran Colombia Gold are significantly







## 2021

The company expects to produce between 200,000 and 220,000 ounces of gold from its Segovia Operations with head grades averaging between 13 to 15 g/t in 2021. As the company reached production guidance for the last 5 years you can bet it will do everything within its power to continue this great track record!

A step-out and in-fill diamond drilling program in 2021 encompassing a total of 40,000 meters is already underway at the company's four producing mines. In addition, Gran Colombia will also carry out a multi-phase fieldwork program for each of its high-priority exploration brownfield targets, including a total of 20,000 meters of exploration and step-out drilling in 2021. With an ongoing commitment to its in-mine, near-mine and regional exploration drilling programs, that have already identified a new vein and a new orebody, 2021 is set to be another very exciting year for this Colombian based mid-tier gold producer!

underexplored and have yet to show their full potential.

The other 30% of the planned 2020 drilling program was intended to focus on the 24 known veins currently not being mined. The company has a rich database of historical production and drilling data for its Segovia mining title

inherited from Frontino Gold Mines. Just like so many others, Gran Colombia also felt the impact of the pandemic in 2020. Due to COVID-19 limitations the company was forced to delay the start of its regional drilling program until October 2020. The first results of the regional program will hit the market in the first quarter of 2021.

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# DIGITAL EXPLORATION IS THE FUTURE OF MINING

WINDFALL GEOTEK BELIEVES THE PROOF IS IN THE “CARDS”

By Michael Fox

I first met Michel Fontaine at a Vancouver Resource Investment Conference back in June of 2011. He came up to me and asked if I would like to see the future of Mining Exploration. Being the curious lad I am, I said sure. He opened his sample bag and what was inside was impressive. Little did I know I was about to be introduced to one of the first AI backed Geotechnic tools on the market.

Windfall GeoTek's (TSX-V:WIND) Computer Aided Resource Detection Software (CARDS) was groundbreaking and flying under everyone's radar. In our original article (Oct 2011), we likened it to a Swiss Army knife in that was using multiple tools on a single platform to answer exploration questions. CARDS looks at your property using its proprietary AI data to pinpoint the locations of the most likely areas for you to drill and find profitable ore bodies saving the explorer significant time and money in the early prospecting stages.

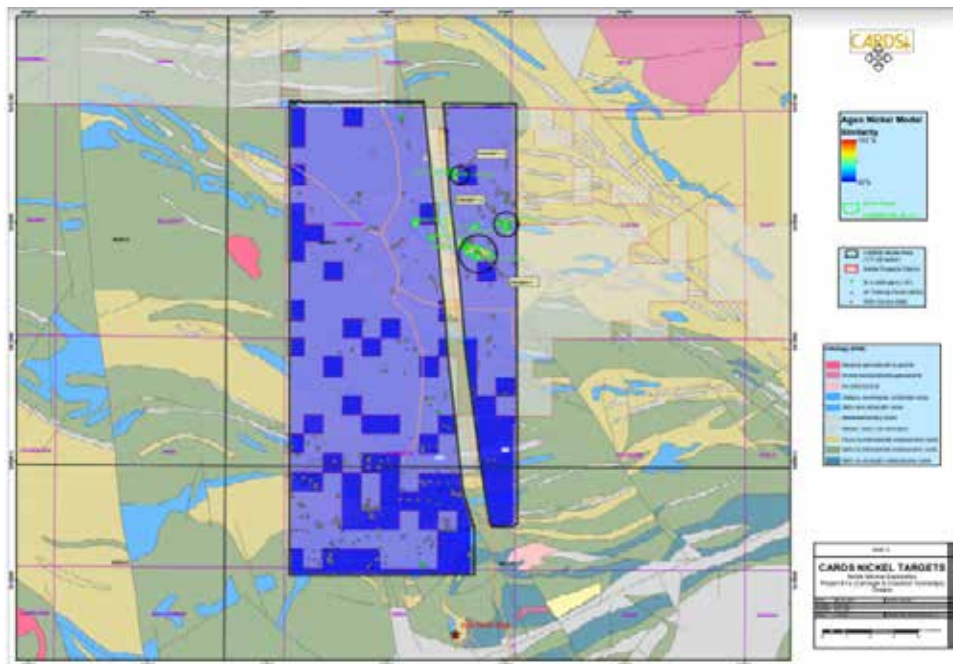
Fast forward 10 years, and more data means more success and more reliable results as the AI learns. Now consider the old CARDS as a Mining CSI investigator who could solve exploration mysteries. Today, CARDS can identify and direct exploration into zones where no one has looked before (tantamount to solving a crime before it occurs). Meaning not only is the explorer saving time and money, they are potentially reaping a higher return.

There is a saying in our business, “The Drill is the Lie Detector” meaning that at the end of the day drill results will prove the theory of the existence of a potential mine on a property. Fast forward ten years and Windfall GeoTek and CARDS has dozens of drill proven success stories to support their claims. 85+ proven projects in 12 different countries have shown that CARDS passes the lie detector test.

## THE WINS KEEP COMING

Three of their most recent success stories include, **Canada Nickel (TSX-V:CNC)**, **AurCrest Gold (TSX-V:AGO)**, **Chilean Metals (TSX-V:CMX)** and **Playfair Mining (TSX-V:PLY)**

Canada Nickel owns the Crawford Project near Timmons Ontario. With the assistance of Windfall Geotek's Cards system they have successfully targeted the largest nickel sulphite find since the 1970's in Canada. They have done this in record time and for exploration costs of less than 1 cent per pound.



Canada Nickel drilled all 3 of the high priority targets identified by CARDS and all 3 intersected broad widths of cobalt, nickel, and PGMs.

AurCrest Gold owns the Ranger Lake Gold Property in the Red Lake Gold District of Ontario Canada. AurCrest purchased the property directly from Windfall GeoTek in September of 2020. Initial sampling of the property

reaffirmed the CARDS targets. 418 Soil samples were taken in order to target the Spring 2021 Drill program.

“It is very significant that both the CARDS modelling and the subsequent SGH interpretation independently categorize this target within a high-probability percentile,” said Chris Angecone, president and chief executive officer. “We are very excited to have this additional layer of geochemical validation to support our nascent geologic and structural model and are eager to advance a broader understanding of the potential of our Ranger Lake gold property.”

Chilean Metals owns the Tierra del Oro copper-gold project in Chile. In the Summer of 2020 they ran a prospecting over the targets selected by CARDS and found samples obtained in the north zone, delivered very positive gold results. This indicates the presence of a hydrothermal system represented in vein style gold mineralization hosted in dikes. These veins also have copper values and can be interpreted as late pulses of



the Cu-Au porphyry system projected in Chancheros. The southern area is a skarnified calcareous domain delivering a sample with 4.06 g/t Au in a developed area of Fe-rich skarn with clinozoisite epidote and andradite garnet. Sampling on three of the AI targets yielded results including 10.32 g/t Au and 5.79 g/t Au at the 'Cobalt' zone. Nine samples that graded between 0.77% to 3.23% copper were taken across numerous AI targets in the southern part of the property. The company plans to drill on these targets in 2021.

The RKV Project is a copper, nickel, cobalt deposit currently being explored by Playfair Mining near the former Rostvangen Mine in Norway. Playfair contracted Windfall to look at 44 square kms of the claim yielding 24 potential target areas. They then went a step further by overlaying Mobile Metal Ion (MMI) soil geochemistry, yielding results of over 50 times background for Cu in 15 of the 24 targets with a high of 48,400 ppb MMI Cu (which according to SGS Labs is one of the highest values of copper in soil ever taken). This process has identified 6 specific drill targets for this Summer's planned drill program.

Neil Briggs, Playfair Director, noted "The CARDS process allowed Playfair to focus on 1% of the, largely glacial till covered, 300 square kilometer RKV Project in Norway. Further fieldwork with MMI geochemistry and drone magnetic surveys has yielded six compelling drill targets and more are expected. The Windfall Geotek team were approachable, easy to work with and responsive to Playfair's needs. CARDS added value at an early exploration stage and Playfair is confident that new copper discoveries will result at the RKV Project".

Don Moore, CEO & Director stated

*"The Windfall CARDS program was directly responsible for putting us in previously unexplored overburden covered areas resulting in the discovery of compelling new copper drill targets. Playfair is the only company to date that has evaluated all the targets*

*generated with CARDS by using another sophisticated geochemical technique known as MMI (Mobile Metal Ions). This Moore Briggs approach has generated six newly identified areas for drilling and we can safely say CARDS was the motivation that put us in areas. Discovery is waiting for the drill!"*

As demonstrated Windfall Geotek's Cards system has aided mining explorers the opportunity to find drill targets far more efficiently than in the past. Additional work by Windfall has uncovered potential humanitarian usage for the technology. The company has had success in finding aquifers in drought stricken areas of the world and a pilot project is now ongoing with DraganFly Inc to seek out unexploded landmines in former warzones.

For Windfall GeoTek a brighter future for everyone is in the CARDS. For More Information [www.windfallgeotek.com](http://www.windfallgeotek.com)

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# MARKET PERFORMANCES OF THE TRUMP ERA

By Mickey Fulp

**L**ove him, hate him, or frankly don't give a damn, the four-year tenure of the 45th President of the United States of America Donald John Trump was inarguably good for investors and speculators in the stock market.

I submit that over this period, Trump's America First agenda was largely responsible for the country's outsized stock market gains.

We compare the US market indices with other major world bourses below.

Index values and percentage gains from Trump's election day until his defeat for a second term are presented in the table below.

In my opinion, this is a legitimate way to analyze the numbers because stock market indices are forward-looking measures. US equities immediately began their bull market run on the day after Trump's election on November 8, 2016 and despite a couple of major corrections, continued thru his recent defeat on November 3, 2020.

Only the London Stock Exchange (FTSE Index) outperformed the four major US markets. The next best was Japan's NIKKEI average, which matched our worst-performing index, the small cap Russell 2000:

If you prefer to look at the metrics a bit differently, send a request to the above email address and we will supply numbers from the day of Trump's inauguration on January 20, 2017 until he left office on January 20, 2021. The boisterous markets have accelerated over the past 11 weeks. In my opinion, this can be mostly attributed to anticipated economic stimulus of our foundering economy by a new governing regime with a drastically different political agenda.

Happy, sad, or indifferent to the American election results; bullish, bearish, or

| Trump Era Market Performances |       |         |       |          |       |      |       |      |        |      |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|----------|-------|------|-------|------|--------|------|-------|
| Date                          | DJIA  | S&P 500 | NASD  | RUS 2000 | TSX   | TSXV | FTSE  | MSCI | NIKKEI | SSE  | ^HSI  |
| 11/8/2016                     | 18333 | 2140    | 5193  | 1195     | 14057 | 758  | 2733  | 902  | 17171  | 3148 | 22909 |
| 11/3/2020                     | 27480 | 3369    | 11161 | 1614     | 15939 | 698  | 8334  | 1121 | 23295  | 3271 | 24940 |
| % Return                      | 49.9  | 57.4    | 114.9 | 35.1     | 8.7   | -7.9 | 204.9 | 24.3 | 35.7   | 3.9  | 8.9   |

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middling regarding America's economic situation; positive, negative, or neutral with respect to our treasured American way of life, I opine that we must conclude:

The past four years have produced remarkable returns indeed for the pocketbooks of average American investors and stock market speculators alike.

Q.E.D.

**Acknowledgement:** Luke Smith is our man behind the numbers. He compiles and manages a commodities and economic database with well-over one million data entries and derivatives (Mercenary Musing, June 8, 2020).

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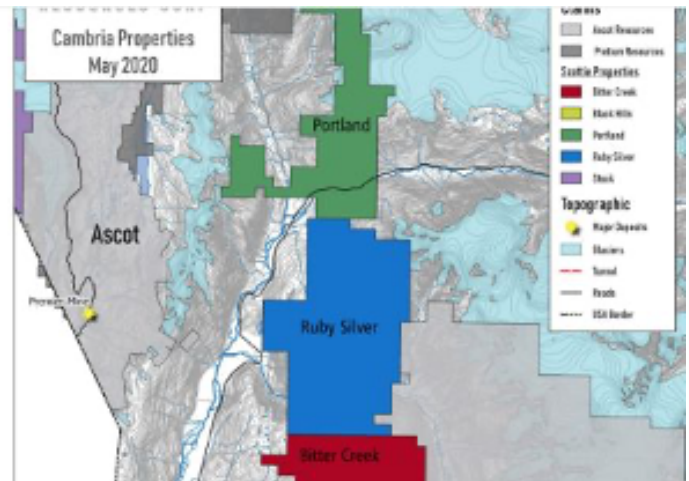
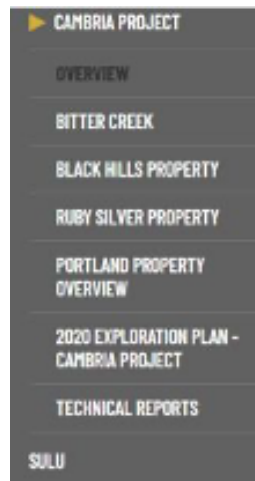


# ALL ZONES REPORTING IN: SCOTTIE RESOURCES CORP.

By David O'Brien

**R**ecently, **Scottie Resources Corp. (SCOT: TSX-V, SR8: FSE)** has been reporting drill results from the *Domino Zone*, the *Blueberry Zone* and now the *O-Zone*...all once again reconfirming management's theories of the mineralization.

Scottie owns a 100% interest in the high-grade, past-producing Scottie Gold Mine and Bow properties and has the option to purchase a 100% interest in Summit Lake claims which are contiguous with the Scottie Gold Mine property. Scottie also owns 100% interest in the Cambria Project properties and the Sulu property. Scottie Resources holds more than 25,000 ha of mineral claims in the Golden Triangle.



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News Releases' Highlights quoted below trace the developing story for SCOT.

CEO, Bradley Rourke commented:

**“** Our detailed mapping and sampling this year has shown that the structure discovered in 2019 is much more extensive than originally thought, and the high-grade mineralization is widespread and continues underneath the glacier to the south. Results from the IP survey suggest that there are highly prospective drill targets along the structure, just west of our 2020 drilling. The size and grade distribution of this mineralizing system indicates that it may host a significant gold deposit, and Scottie will continue to drill the expanding zone **”** in 2021.

#### SELECTED 2020 GRAB SAMPLE RESULTS FROM THE DOMINO ZONE.

| Sample Number | Au ppm | Ag ppm | Co ppm | Cu ppm | Pb ppm | Zn ppm |
|---------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| C0009548      | 50.8   | 73.0   | 7      | 1,434  | 37,100 | 19,200 |
| C0009553      | 7.58   | 91     | 2,170  | 533    | 635    | 655    |
| C0009582      | 8.6    | 197    | 1,250  | 5,238  | 928    | 617    |
| C0009614      | 5.65   | 53.9   | 1,050  | 1,449  | 1,830  | 6,900  |
| C0009706      | 14.7   | 212    | 2,520  | 1,772  | 873    | 75,000 |
| C0009713      | 81.7   | 97.1   | 896    | 1,049  | 458    | 490    |
| C0009722      | 7.11   | 25.4   | 13     | 515    | 4,323  | 6,504  |
| C0009727      | 5.87   | 129    | 28     | 1,930  | 10,600 | 86,600 |
| C0009861      | 19.4   | 168    | 4,630  | 4,739  | 5,441  | 14,200 |
| C0010542      | 6.71   | 10.4   | 276    | 888    | 203    | 281    |
| C0010615      | 16.3   | 7.14   | 41     | 658    | 61     | 80     |
| C0010632      | 50.4   | 204    | 418    | 1,025  | 2,089  | 3,885  |
| C0010635      | 5.20   | 8.17   | 9      | 85     | 923    | 964    |
| C0010952      | 13.2   | 154    | 2,080  | 1,687  | 1,195  | 1,221  |

#### SELECTED 2020 DRILL HOLE RESULTS FROM THE DOMINO ZONE.

| Drill Hole  |               | From (m) | To (m)      | Width* (m) | Gold (g/t) | Silver (g/t) |
|---|---------------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| SR20-29   |               | 10.54    | 26.00       | 15.46      | 2.48       | 8.63         |
|   | including     | 24.00    | 24.94       | 0.94       | 19.9       | 71.6         |
|   | and including | 24.54    | 24.94       | 0.40       | 35.5       | 154          |
|   |               | 54.00    | 56.00       | 2.00       | 1.19       | 0.59         |
| SR20-30   |               | 20.00    | 22.68       | 2.68       | 2.22       | 48.7         |
|   | including     | 21.50    | 22.68       | 1.18       | 4.13       | 82.5         |
| SR20-31   |               | 17.09    | 20.25       | 3.16       | 1.12       | 6.32         |
|   |               | 52.36    | 54.64       | 2.28       | 3.06       | 0.55         |
|   |               | 62.93    | 69.80       | 6.87       | 2.5        | 2.48         |
|   | including     | 62.93    | 64.00       | 1.07       | 13.4       | 8.11         |
| SR20-32   |               | 67.00    | 68.44       | 1.44       | 1.82       | 19.5         |
| SR20-36   |               | 29.4     | 33.42       | 4.02       | 0.73       | 96.3         |
|   | including     | 33.00    | 33.42       | 0.42       | 4.86       | 17.7         |
|   | and           | 72.3     | 73.35       | 1.05       | 1.52       | 0.61         |
| SR20-37   |               | 108.14   | 121.5 (EOH) | 13.36      | 2.69       | 3.54         |
|   | including     | 118.81   | 121.5 (EOH) | 2.69       | 12.4       | 8.69         |
| SR20-44   |               | 39.5     | 46          | 6.5        | 3.29       | 2.23         |
| SR20-46   |               | 41.28    | 45.4        | 4.12       | 2.42       | 3.46         |
| SR20-47   |               | 30       | 32          | 2          | 1.01       | 1.25         |
| SR20-49   |               | 46       | 78.7        | 32.7       | 0.54       | 4.47         |
|   | including     | 46       | 49          | 3          | 1.51       | 3.07         |
|   | and           | 77.73    | 78.7        | 0.97       | 7.91       | 63.7         |
| SR20-61   |               | 51.03    | 54.15       | 3.12       | 3.99       | 30.0         |
| SR20-66   |               | 55.78    | 57.5        | 1.72       | 0.68       | 7.77         |
| SR20-33, 35, 39, 41, 43, 63 - no significant intercepts |               |          |             |            |            |              |

#### DOMINO ZONE HIGHLIGHTS

- Initial drilling program on Domino produced numerous high-grade intervals, including:
  - 12.4 g/t gold and 8.7 g/t silver over 2.69 metres
  - 19.9 g/t gold and 71.6 g/t silver over 0.94 metres
  - 13.4 g/t gold and 8.11 g/t silver over 1.07 metres
- Three new high-grade showings were discovered proximal to the Domino Zone
- Surficial sampling results and geophysics indicate that the mineralizing system present at Domino is at least 900 metres x 450 metres
- New induced polarization (IP) grid defines prospective drill targets coincident with new high-grade grab sampling

- A ~634 line-km AirTEM Electromagnetic (EM) survey was flown over the entire Scottie Gold Mine Project, including the Domino Zone, data processing and interpretation is underway.”

*Project has the right geological setting, is road accessible, and contains an under-explored, past-producing mine that averaged 16 g/t gold.*

Once again, as Rourke effuses

“Fantastic drill results in an ideal location! This new Blueberry trend is a near-surface target, literally situated on a road. The grades and widths of these results get us extremely excited about the economic potential of the area. Bolstered by the high-grade grab samples from this year, drilling in 2021 will see us aggressively step out along this new trend to establish the full extent of this remarkably large and high-grade system.”



Drill core from hole SR20-29 – Textural example of high-grade gold mineralization present within the Domino zone – sample above graded 19.9 g/t gold and 71.6 g/t silver over 0.94 metres. The host felsic volcanic rocks are cut by an oxidized, vuggy, sheared quartz vein with intense limonite alteration. All primary textures have been destroyed by strain and alteration. Thin bands of chlorite and sericite trend along shear fabric. Shear contains ~15% pyrite and ~5% pyrrhotite. The length of the image is ~30 cm.

### Back in December 2020 the Blueberry Zone Made some Headlines:

Like this:

“SCOTTIE DISCOVERS NEW MINERALIZATION TREND AT BLUEBERRY ZONE, REPORTS INTERCEPTS OF **22.3 G/T GOLD OVER 6.1 M** AND **8.96 G/T GOLD OVER 13.7 M**”

Here’s the corresponding drill results Table:

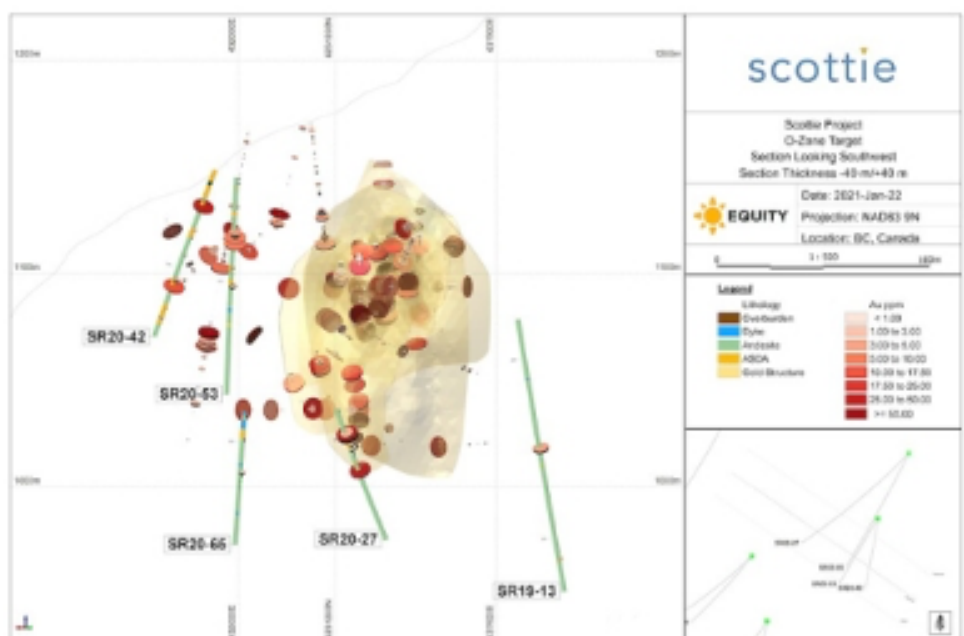
| Drill Hole |               | From (m) | To (m) | Width* (m) | Gold (g/t) | Silver (g/t) | Area           |
|------------|---------------|----------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| SR20-40    |               | 15.94    | 16.96  | 1.02       | 2.56       | 1.32         | Blueberry Zone |
|            | and           | 24.00    | 25.83  | 1.83       | 1.7        | 0.79         | Blueberry Zone |
| SR20-45    |               | 17.00    | 23.10  | 6.10       | 22.3       | 3.70         | Blueberry Zone |
|            | including     | 17.00    | 18.93  | 1.93       | 67.9       | 10.2         | Blueberry Zone |
| SR20-48    |               | 18.07    | 20.40  | 2.33       | 35.8       | 4.70         | Blueberry Zone |
|            | including     | 18.07    | 19.08  | 1.01       | 82.1       | 10.50        | Blueberry Zone |
|            | and           | 56.67    | 70.35  | 13.68      | 8.96       | 2.86         | Blueberry Zone |
|            | and including | 67.20    | 70.35  | 3.15       | 38.6       | 8.65         | Blueberry Zone |
|            | and including | 68.62    | 70.35  | 1.73       | 69.8       | 15.2         | Blueberry Zone |

\*true width, is estimated to be 80-90% of interval width

Below, Dr. Thomas Mumford, VP Exploration, summarizes the company’s expectations:

“Scottie’s land package is wholly contained in the lower portion of the Golden Triangle, and has all the key components found in neighbouring mines necessary to advance it quickly. Road accessible, in an ideal geological setting, including an under-explored past-producing mine, with abundant highly-prospective targets... that have only recently become accessible due to glacial retreat.”

“Situating between Ascot Resources Ltd. (AOT: TSX-V)’s Premier Gold Project and Pretium Resources Inc. (PVG: TSX & NYSE)’s Brucejack Mine, our land package includes some of the most prospective rocks in the southern Golden Triangle. Our flagship property, the Scottie Gold





**Most recent News, from the O-Zone:**  
 Scottie reports "...drilling results on the O-Zone target, part of the Scottie Gold Mine including **2.26 g/t gold and 6.53 g/t silver over 19.04 m**, which includes a high-grade interval of **10.7 g/t gold and 31.2 g/t silver over 2.77 metres.**"

### SCOTTIE PROJECT O-ZONE TARGET SECTION LOOKING SW

CEO, Bradley Rourke commented:

**“** Historically the O-zone produced some of the highest-grade gold intercepts in and around the Scottie Gold Mine. Oriented parallel and only 100 metres to the north of the main producing vein, and being connected to the mine with existing tunnels, all combine to make this a prime exploration target. Our

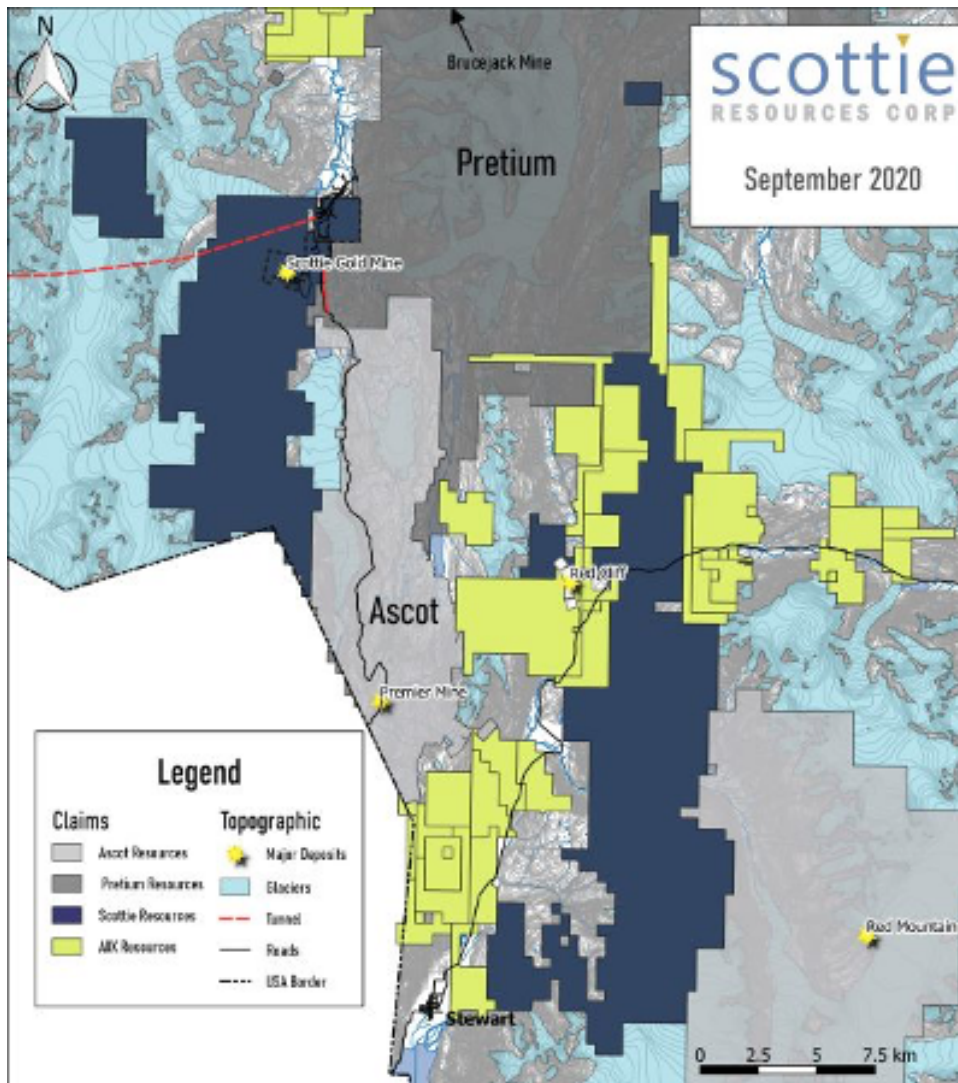
expansionary drilling around the target has shown that it remains open in most directions, and that the exceptional grades that it is known for are also continuous – confirmed by our intercept of 109.4 g/t gold over 2.53 metres earlier this year. **”**

Surrounded by a producer (**Pretium Resources Inc. (PVG: TSX & NYSE)**) and a near-term producer (**Ascot Resources Ltd. (AOT: TSX-V)**), with strong sampling and drilling results indicating the highly prospective nature of Scottie Resources' Zones, this is becoming the **'Penultimate Proximity Play'** we lauded last year.

**Strong Zones' results are 'proving up' SCOT's Theories.**

Love when that happens.

Do your Due Diligence, of course.



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# UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS: DIGGING UNDER THE PAST- PRODUCING THE MON

By David O'Brien

**S**ixty North Gold Mining Ltd. is restarting the production-permitted, former-producing high-grade **Mon Gold Mine** in Canada's Northwest Territories, 45 km from Yellowknife.

**SXTY: CSE, 2F4.F: FSE, SXNTF: OTC Pink**

## RESTARTING THE PRODUCTION-PERMITTED, FORMER-PRODUCING HIGH-GRADE MON GOLD MINE.

Management has decided to go DEEPER at The Mon. They've been targeting 1/2 oz gold per tonne in their drilling plans. The Mon Gold Property is the only gold project permitted for production in the NWT.

There is another potentially valuable target on the property, a huge, at surface, Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) deposit and it's silver-rich, at least, based on sampling and geophysics. It can be mined to subsidize/finance property-wide development, which, of course, is less dilutive for Shareholders.

Equipment has been brought on site, as it's wholly-owned by the team now inside the 60 North Gold Mining development group. Dr. Dave Webb, President & CEO, was on that original team and is on the current team.

The planned Winter Road has been completed, and all of the 'team' to execute the transport of equipment is ready. SXTY will be moving people to Yellowknife after Valentine's day. They will prepare the equipment for mobilization up the Winter Road in late February, as they're waiting for the ice on the lakes to freeze to sufficient thickness. The Winter Road is NTPC-permitted and publicly accessed.

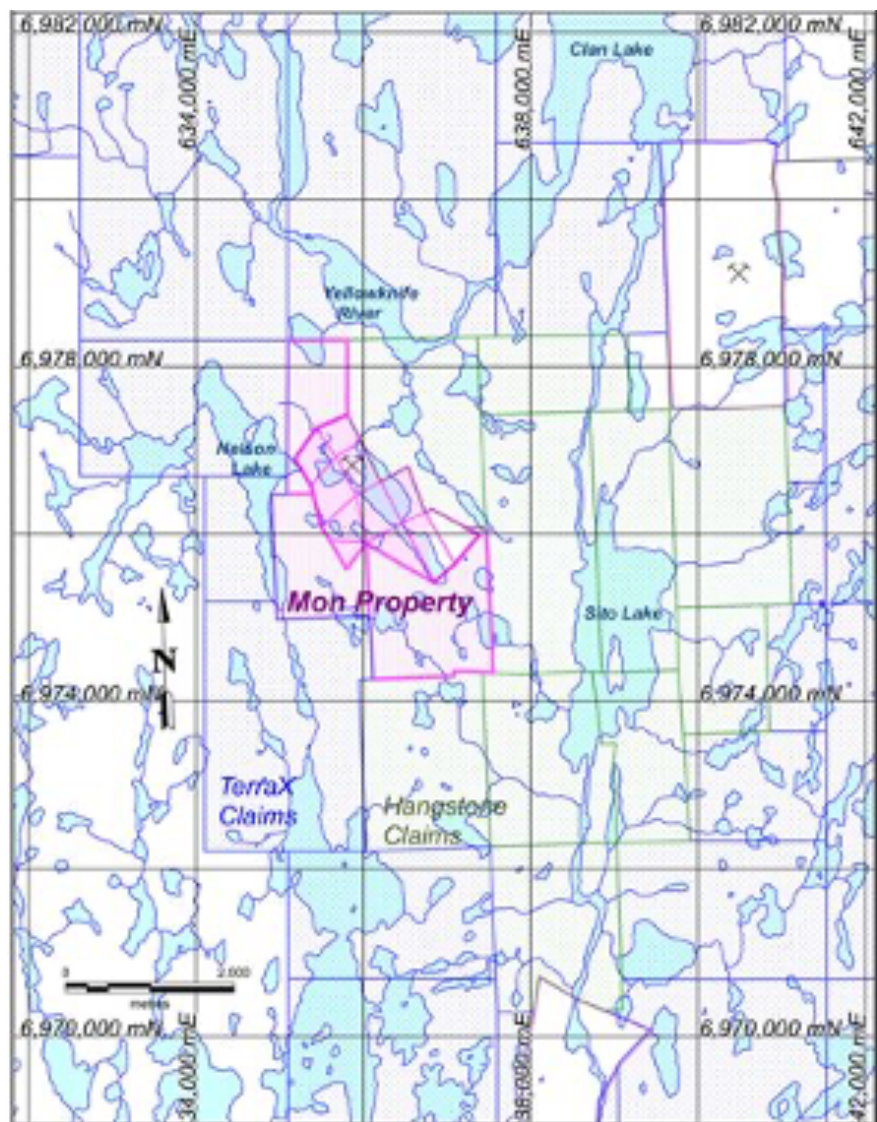


Mining and Milling Permits are in place.

Environmentally speaking, a production advantage is that the Metallurgical testing yielded 98.8% recoveries with only gravity and flotation – no cyanide needed.

On the supply-side, various contracts have been secured including CA\$126K for explosives.

Mira Geoscience has been modeling the underground assets and producing 3-D inversions. There is





much more exploration potential on the property with both the VMS and large-scale gold shear zones like the Con and Giant Mines, and the optioned adjacent Hangstone Property.

Going forward Sixty North Gold plans to acquire milling equipment in 2021 and bring it to the site and commence Full Production in 2022.

## REGIONAL OVERVIEW:

The Mon Property is in the Yellowknife Gold Belt; past mining in this Belt exceeds 15 million ounces of gold at grades >0.5 oz./t, including the Con (6 m oz.), Giant (8 m oz.) and Discovery (1 m oz. at 1 oz./t) Mines.

The Mon's mineralization and structure is very similar to the nearby 1 m oz Discovery Mine.

In a review of nearby Yellowknife Gold Belt Comparables, not only are they NOT Permitted, they are not nearly so advanced... and their Market Caps are from twice to seventy times greater...

making SXTY look very attractive [IMHO, Ed.].

As a German-listed company, there are many new Int'l investors following SXTY's story, or should I say 2F4.F's story;=}). They are really keen about the short-term step of production right away to defray costs and reduce share dilution, and the near-term goal of a Full Production scenario.

John Campbell, Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Sixty North Gold, stated, "We are pleased to have a financing mechanism in place which will keep us on track towards our earn-in milestone, and achieving our twin goals of having a 100% interest in this former producing and currently permitted-for-production Canadian gold project, and having the mine back in full production by the Spring of 2022."

Under the Northern Lights Under The Mon, indeed.

So far, and despite some reservations about the NWT being 'too remote'; it's

not, as The Mon Gold camp is only a 15-minute flight from Yellowknife, so everything's still on track, [IMHO, Ed.].

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Quite a step to go straight to production, however Management already knows where the mineralization is, so they're just going to mine it.

Do your Due Diligence, of course.

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- Further exploration potential for VMS and shear zone gold

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# THE WESTERNS WORLD'S LARGEST GRAPHITE MINE IS NOW PERMITTED FOR CONSTRUCTION

By Christian Elferink

**1** 50 kilometers north of Montréal Québec, lies the largest undeveloped graphite project in the Western World. The project, named the Matawinie Graphite Mine, is 100% owned by **Nouveau Monde Graphite Inc. (TSX-V: NOU)**. The company was founded in 2010 by current President & CEO Eric Desautniers and a mere five years later, in 2015, they discovered the Matawinie deposit. After the discovery, the company quickly followed up with a baseline environmental study in 2016 followed by an environmental study in 2018. After 6 years of hard work and a meticulous environmental process, the company received its most important permit at the beginning of 2021.

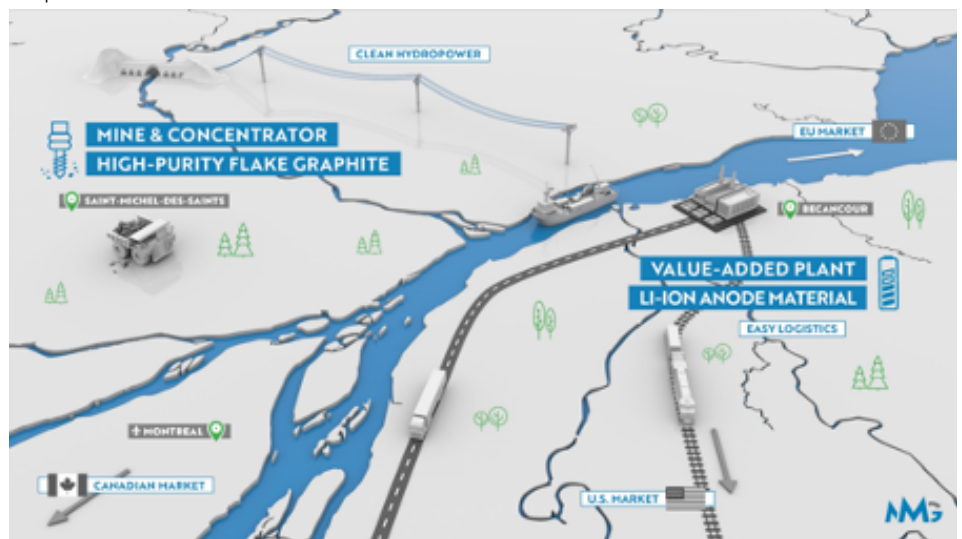
On Wednesday, February 10th, the Quebec Government issued a ministerial decree authorizing the company to start production of their 100,000 tonnes per day high purity graphite concentrate. The final decree was preceded by a rigorous environmental process that started in 2016 and lasted until this February where the company has compiled over 10,000 pages in reports containing environmental studies and, impact modelling with over 20 experts. With the final degree in hand, the company has designed a project where they have shown to optimize the benefits for both the local St-Michel-des-Saints community, as well as surrounding communities, and minimizing the impact on the environment.

"This is a day of celebration. I founded Nouveau Monde 10 years ago, and today's decree is a huge milestone for us all," Desautniers said. "It is a critical element which our employees, community, clients, and shareholders have been waiting for. We can be proud of the innovation and dedication that we have demonstrated throughout the engineering and environmental review

phases; they now favorably position us in the marketplace. With this green light to launch our Matawinie project, we plan to bring to market a responsibly extracted high-purity graphite to supply EV and energy storage sectors with a local and sustainable alternative. Doing so will position Nouveau Monde as a leading anode material provider for decades to come, creating opportunities and unlocking value for all parties involved."

engineering is 30% complete and revised budgeting is ongoing to prepare for project financing in H2 2021 to start full-scale construction this summer.

The company is very determined to minimize its footprint and is aiming to use fully electrical equipment for its mining operations, ore concentrations, and processing activities within the first five years of production.



## PROJECT ECONOMICS

The Matawinie Project currently hosts a resource estimate of 120.3 million tonnes at an average grade of 4.26% Cg in the measured and indicated category with a planned mineral reserve of 59.8 million tonnes. With graphite, the grade of your final product is the most important and how much it costs to get to that final product. The current ore grade is 4.35% but can be increased to 97% after flotation.

The 2018 Feasibility Study shows very favorable economics. The Post-Tax NPV8% is projected to be \$751MCAD with a Post-Tax IRR of 32.2%. The initial Capex will be around \$276MCAD including a 12.4% contingency. Current detailed

## THE CASE FOR GRAPHITE

Graphite is deemed an essential part of the commercial battery production and has been designated as a strategic mineral by the US, EU, and Japan. Currently, 66% of the global graphite production comes from China. Given the current political and environmental challenges from Chinese production global demand, the focus on a more sustainable and ethically sourced minerals supply has increased. With a projected rise in production and demand of electric vehicles and commercial batteries, the demand for graphite is set to explode in the coming years. Benchmark Intelligence is projecting that graphite demand is to grow 380% by 2030. By 2023 the graphite market will experience a supply deficit



with demand exceeding global supply by 400,000 tonnes in 2026.

Nouveau Monde Graphite is expecting to produce the first high-purity spherical graphite in mid-2021 to advance its qualification process with major battery and auto makers to secure long-term supply agreements. The plant will produce 40,000 tonnes per year of anode material once it reaches full-scale commercial operation by H2-2023, with the option to expand in response to

demand. This is the perfect timing for the company to start production and supply the projected market deficit.

Currently being the only vertically-integrated, advanced stage, de-risked Tier 1 asset globally the company is set to benefit from the worldwide electrical revolution.

### UPCOMING CATALYSTS

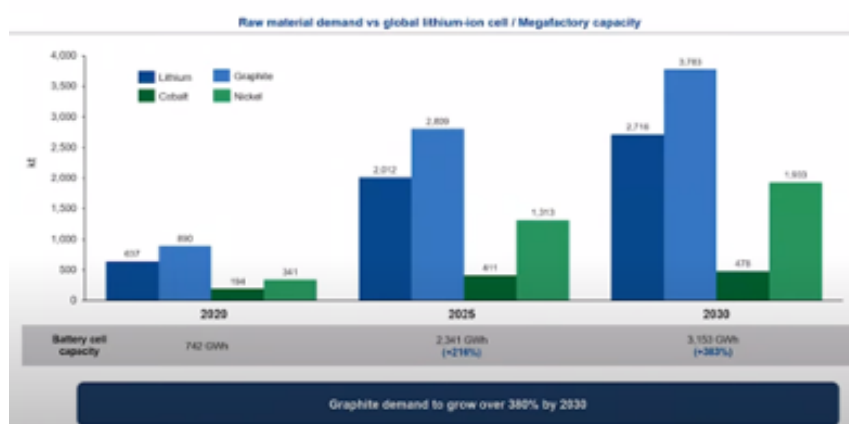
According to the company's press release from February 16th, the company is evaluating the possibilities for a potential listing on a U.S. stock exchange to align its investor base with that of its targeted customers. Pending a share consolidation to meet the U.S. listing requirements the listing can be finalized as soon as the second quarter of 2021.

"The addition of a major U.S. stock exchange listing will provide enhanced trading access to U.S.-based investors and further enhance Nouveau Monde's stock market visibility. A potential additional listing in the U.S. is a natural step in the growth and evolution of the Company."

With the current cash balance of \$34 million, the company can start production at its first phase plant as soon as mid-2021.

With the environmental permit in hand, an upcoming US listing, the near future seems bright for Nouveau Monde Graphite. Keep an eye out for the potential US Exchange uplisting and start of production of high-grade battery anode materials the major near-term catalysts!

### Growth in the EV market driving graphite demand



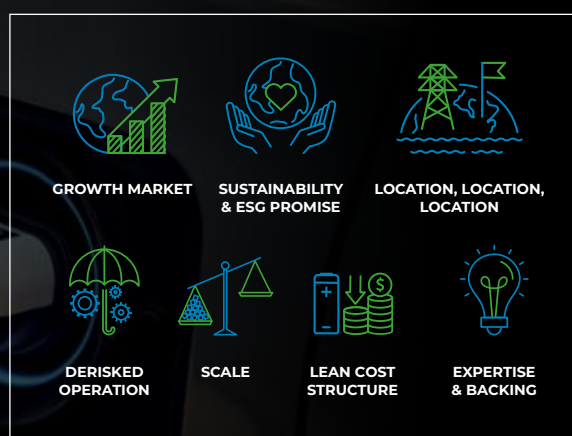
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## GREEN BATTERY MINERALS TO POWER THE ENERGY REVOLUTION

Phase 1 battery anode material production by mid-2021

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# AVRUPA MINERALS REPORTS FIRST DRILLING RESULTS AT SESMARIAS

By The Critical Investor



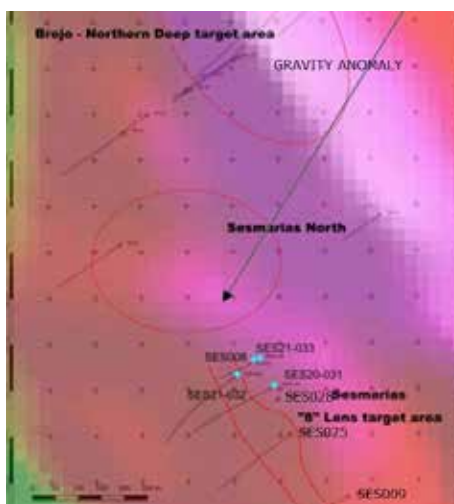
**A**fter Avrupa Minerals (TSXV: AVU) commenced drilling last December at its Sesmarias target at the flagship copper-zinc Alvalade project in Portugal, which is operated together with JV partner MATSA (joined company of Trafigura and Mubadala, two commodity giants), the company completed two drill holes so far for 874m of drilling, part of the 7-8,000m program. Hole SES20-031 and Hole SES20-032 were designed to test the area between the massive sulfide intercepted in hole SES008 and the stockwork zone intercepted in hole SES028, also at depth:

The results didn't look so spectacular, as hole SES20-031 returned 10.75m @ 0.19% copper and 0.74% lead, and SES20-032 didn't hit any massive mineralization, though samples from the target horizon have been sent to the lab for trace element, pathfinder geochemistry. My expectations were higher than this, as SES008 returned 5.0m @ 0.64% Cu, 36.8 g/t Ag, 0.94% Pb and 1.54% Zn, and SES028 intercepted the edge of a significant feeder zone beneath the 8 Lens. Management remains highly positive, as CEO Paul Kuhn acknowledges the complexity of the mineralized systems at Alvalade:

*a much-improved understanding of the structural controls to the massive sulfide mineralization.*

*This allows us to better target the massive sulfide bodies, as we move north along strike, and at some depth targeting downdip mineralization. The geological team has done a great job in pushing the Project ahead.”*

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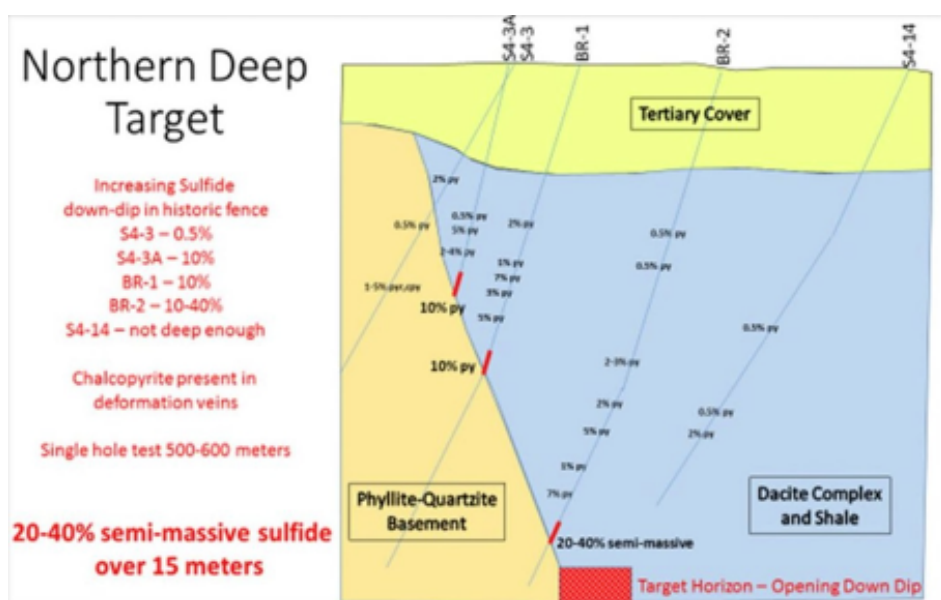
Plan view map Sesmarias, gravity geophysical data

**“** We are excited about the immediate possibilities in the Sesmarias target area. Positive geochemical and geological results from SES20-031 indicate potential for a continuing strong VMS system. We are still in the early stages of work at the north end of the presently-known Sesmarias system. Already, with the completion of two drill holes, and the start of a third hole, we have

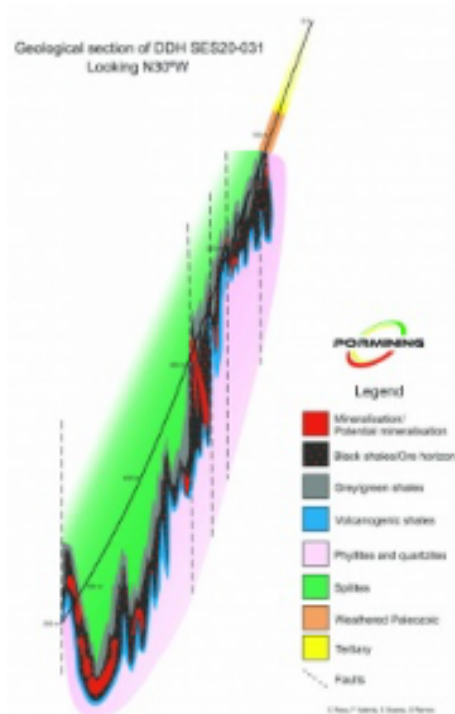
The present work is the initial attempt to expand the mineralization to the north from SES008 to the Brejo target area (formerly Northern Deep target), and the third hole, currently underway, is located north of and close to SES008. The next target is the Brejo target area itself, representing the strong gravity anomaly indicated at the upper half of the figure. Management plans to test this target in the near future.

Drill testing this target will involve deep drilling, as wide-spaced, 500-600m deep historic drilling suggests strong possibility of massive sulfide mineralization increasing at depth:





This section also indicates a sub-vertical orientation of potential mineralization. A more detailed section of intercepted geology by hole SES20-031 seems to indicate a more vertical orientation of mineralization as well, and is the explanation why not much mineralization was intersected:



*that hosts massive sulfide mineralization at Sesmarias and at the Lousal Mine, located six kilometers to the north. Detailed review of the core showed that for its entire length, the drill hole passed through intensely folded rock units of the Volcano-Sedimentary Formation, the general host of mineralization throughout the Iberian Pyrite Belt. Overall, however, the drillhole roughly paralleled the major trend of bedding, allowing only for narrow true widths of mineralized intercepts.*

The beautifully visualized section showed the trajectory of the drill, but I still wondered how the drilling company could draw conclusions about the heavily folded, vertically oriented structures, as these were basically missed. According to Kuhn: “When we detail log the core material, we can easily see the angle of the bedding relative to the axis of the core. Since we orient the core as it comes out of the hole, we can tell the geological angle of the beds. We are able to see detailed changes in the bedding and can easily interpret small to large folds. Faults are easy to see in the core material. With this work we can paint a complicated picture of the geology. Even folding in short intervals of core can mimic the larger-scale folding in the beds of target horizons. Previously, we understood that the target zones were strongly folded and faulted, but the detail of recent review by the JV geological team has advanced the story

further, which is heavily influencing our targeting and expectations.”

It was interesting to read that the drill hole intercepted the black shale rocks that host massive sulfide mineralization not only at Sesmarias, but also at the nearby Lousal Mine. I wondered what percentage of the Lousal Mine mineralization is hosted in black shale rocks.



Kuhn thinks, based on historical analysis, that this is almost universal, indicating they might have found extensions of the Lousal deposit. The third hole currently underway, SES20-033 is testing exactly the black shale trajectory, at about 350-400 meters depth, but also on the other side of the major fold, in the neighborhood of 650-800 meters depth.

Besides this more or less greenfields drilling, much of interest to me is the following paragraph in the news release:

*“At the same time, the geological team continues to assess the historical core in the Brejo area, and has started to map geological structures visible in the old Lousal Mine workings. Initial work there clearly shows similarity of ore control characteristics to what we now know about the Sesmarias massive sulfide mineralization.*

*Historical documents and academic studies (non-compliant to NI 43-101 standards) indicate a universal metal resource at the old mine of over 50 million tonnes of massive sulfide material.*

*Review of original mine records by Avrupa demonstrates that less than 20 million tonnes of ore were actually extracted from Lousal.*

*“SES20-031 continued to 536 meters depth, in several places intersecting the specific black shale unit*

As has been known for years, there could still be 30Mt of massive sulfide mineralization present at the Lousal Mine. This resembles low hanging fruit to me, as I indicated in earlier analysis, and I'm curious if management is for example contemplating digitizing historic data and results of ongoing mapping, in order to develop a drilling strategy to prove up these potential 30Mt. I'm also wondering where Lousal stands on the priority list of MATSA, as it seems relatively low risk. CEO Kuhn answered: "Work at and around the Lousal Mine is a high priority, after Sesmarias/Brejo and the stockwork discovery at Monte da Bela Vista, just north of the Lousal Mine. At the moment we are running at full speed at Semarias/Brejo, but plan to work at Lousal compilation in the coming months."

As Kuhn indicated in December 2021 that a helicopter-supported VTEM electromagnetic survey was about to commence that month, covering a large part of the Alvalade License, I am curious about when the results will be announced. According to him, results are expected during the first half of March.

In the meantime, the metals Avrupa are focusing on, copper and zinc, have been going through the roof, especially copper. After rising to US\$4.34/lb Cu, levels not seen in nine years, there has been heavy selling on February 26, 2021, bringing the price down to US\$4.09/lb Cu for now as can be seen in this chart by Macrotrends:



Analysts see this selling as an overdue and healthy stage of consolidation at best, or a correction at worst, according to this article at Mining.com. The big question for now is the reaction of big Chinese players, holding massive long positions in copper contracts. As lots of copper is projected to be arriving from Chile and Peru, it is expected that the extreme pressure on the copper price caused by heavy shortages, in turn

subside on the back of vaccination, the world economy will gather speed again, and if this happens viciously as many analysts expect, also helped by the US\$1.9T stimulus program from Biden, copper could remain around the US\$4/lb levels for quite some time.

Avrupa's second most important metal, zinc, has also been doing well lately, as can be seen here in this chart of Kitco:



caused by strikes and COVID-19, will ease somewhat. On the other hand, when COVID-19 measures will gradually

As a reminder, according to the International Lead and Zinc Study Group (ILZSG), a platform formed by the United Nations, consisting of all major producing countries and industry players in the lead and zinc sector, several mines could experience problems to nameplate capacity again, but global supply for refined zinc metal will exceed demand significantly in 2021, as this surplus is expected to be 463kt. Notwithstanding this, with the world economy picking up, I expect zinc to remain above US\$1.15-1.20/lb levels for the foreseeable future. Zinc currently sits at US\$1.27/lb Zn.

Such metal prices should be all the incentive JV partner MATSA needs in my view, to sink a lot of exploration dollars (or euro's in this case) into Alvalade. After the 4 to 1 consolidation of Avrupa shares, the company is looking to do a financing soon, as several funds already expressed their interest. Avrupa is still trading at rock-bottom prices (market cap of just C\$3.76M), despite copper prices going into the stratosphere:





Share price Avrupa Minerals; 5 year time frame (Source: [tmxmoney.com](http://tmxmoney.com))

When Avrupa starts hitting serious mineralization, these price levels should be something from the past soon in my view.

## CONCLUSION

The first drill holes didn't bring in fireworks yet, but as the geology is quite complex and not easy to unravel, CEO Paul Kuhn is working diligently together with JV Partner MATSA to unravel the Sesmarias puzzle. The soon to be announced results of the airborne VTEM survey will hopefully and likely bring in lots of targets, as can be expected with several historic mines and remaining historic resources being present. Besides all other targets, in my view, the remaining historic resources sitting in the ground at the Lousal Mine provide a unique opportunity to relatively easily prove up many tons of mineralization, and drilling on this location is planned for later in 2021. When good intercepts start rolling in there, this tiny junior could very well become a multi-bagger in a short period of time.

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