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Commentary

# Updates on Emu, Los Cerros and Marvel Gold

On Friday's Close

# Marvel Gold also has big picture exploration

In suggesting that Marvel Gold (MVL) was capitalised modestly at \$23m a week ago, on the back of the 23.9 Mt at 1.2 gpt (910,000 oz) resource at Tabakorole, we didn't factor in the exciting exploration play at Lakanfla, in western Mali near the Senegal border. This is strategically located near the Senegal Mali Shear Zone, the same structure that hosts a number of large gold despots such as Yatela (4.5 Moz), Sadiola (13.5 Moz), Loulo (12.5 Moz), Tabakoto (4.3 Moz), Gounkoto (5.4 Moz) and Fekola (7.1 Moz).

Last Monday, the company announced that it had commenced 3,800m RC drilling program on a licence that is currently being worked by artisanal operators. These workings are coincident with major geochemical and gravity anomalies that show similarities to Yatela and Sabiola, which are 35 km and 3 km to the NW, respectively. The program will test four target zones with results expected in November/December.

Notwithstanding my general comments last week about nearology, Marvel's licence is obviously in a region where there are many rich gold projects. There are good geological reasons why Marvel thinks there could be something worthwhile on its ground, including earlier intercepts of 26m at 5.1 gpt and 18m at 4.3 gpt, from depths of 32m and 34m. The ground has only been tested to shallow depths of 75m.

While many of the boxes have been ticked, this is still an exploration play. It might not be successful, but the probability is that there will be some gold. Just how much remains to be seen. If Marvel finds what it is looking for, then the right drill results could dramatically move the market capitalisation higher. Commercialisation of anything found could be made simpler by the availability on nearby treatment plants, with Sadiola being likely to need oxide ore in the near term. So, Marvel looks like a good mix of in-situ gold resources at Tabakorole and promising exploration at Lakanfla.

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# Patterns in nature can play a role in exploration

In the past I have come across geologists that have considered fractal analysis and order in chaos as some of the more esoteric tools in the hunt for big orebodies. The objective is to recognise a pattern and then try to fit regional orebodies into that pattern. Greg Hall, the highly qualified and experienced ex-Placer Dome geologist, gave me an education in this approach over 10 years ago. The company to which he was consulting at the time was using this technique to find locations that might host another Tropicana, in WA.

Notwithstanding that there is still only one Tropicana, it has been observed that there are mineralising events in a number of locations around the world where, at regularly spaced intervals, sizeable deposits can be found along major trends. While it is not quite as simple as saying there should be an orebody every 50 km, that is the general idea. Realistically though, such an approach may be seen as a starting point in directing regional exploration. A program of more intimate exploration on the ground is always required to test the hypothesis.

An example of where this approach has strong merit is in the Mid-Cauca Porphyry Belt, that runs for many hundreds of kilometres from Colombia, through Ecuador and further south. Looking at the presentation released by Los Cerros (LCL) on 21/1/20, the map on page three shows a line of sizeable orebodies that neatly fit the theory. Starting with the 12 Moz Buritica project, there are more than seven deposits in a line with the one immediately to the north of Los Cerros's Quinchia Project, Marmato, hosting 14.4 Moz. What does this say for Quinchia? Does it fit the pattern? It seems to.

We already know that there is something at Qhinchia of a significant size, but we don't know what the ceiling is. Could it be 5-10 Moz? Maybe that is in the ball park, given the other deposits found along the trend. Therein lies the speculation. Be aware that projects this size take time and money to drill out. Los Cerros is at the starting gate with a market capitalisation of only \$70m, but it seems to be in the right place at the right time.

Yesterday's announcement of a 360m intercept grading 0.39 gpt from surface, being the first scout hole into an anomaly to the north, points to another very large mineralised body. The story is getting bigger and better.

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# The EMU is back where it belongs, in WA

When we first mentioned Emu NL (EMU), back in January 2020, it was waiting for the assays for two diamond holes drilled to > 400m depths to test IP anomalies in Chile. Unfortunately, these holes were dusters with nothing better than 0.2 gpt gold. The anomaly seems to have come from 5% pyrite concentrations. So, management bit the bullet and decided to walk away, writing off the accumulated expenditure of US\$8m. That started a search for a new focus with over 70 projects being assessed before deciding on a package in WA that includes both topical geology

favourable for Ni-Cu-PGM ground, with the allure of something like Chalice's Julimar discovery, as well as the more traditional gold plays around an historical high-grade mine.

## Looking at the Avenger deal first

On 28 September, Emu announced that it had agreed to acquire a portfolio of exploration projects with potential for Ni-Cu-PGM mineralisation, all within 450 km of Perth. It is acquiring 100% of three projects by paying \$150,000 and issuing 30 million shares, with a further 25 million performance shares payable if it advances any of the projects to a feasibility study. At the recent share price of  $4.6\phi$ , this amounts to \$1.38m in shares now, and \$1.15m later in the event of success.

The **Sunfire** Project, near Bridgetown, has potential for mafic-ultramafic intrusives prospective for nickel, copper, and platinum group element (Ni-Cu-PGE) mineralisation. The **Graceland** Project near Lake Grace is similarly prospective for Ni-Cu-PGE and the **Viper** Project is a copper play. These project should all be seen as grass roots plays.

Sunfire is particularly interesting due to the proximity to ground held by Venture Minerals that Chalice has recently farmed into (spending \$3.7m to earn 70%); in fact Venture surrounds Emu's ground. Historical work has identified nickel previously but mostly in the lateritic form, though there was one intercept of 17m at 1.7% Ni. WMC and Shell focussed on the chromite potential of the ground. Emu aims to start exploration with geochemical sampling and geophysics to work up drill targets.

Graceland already has a 5 km long magnetic feature coincident with a gravity high that is essentially untested, and looks like it could be prospective for nickel mineralisation in mafic-ultramafic intrusions. The aim is to conduct some more geophysical work and then drill test the anomaly.

Viper covers the historical high-grade Netty Copper Mine. Channel sampling by Audax Resources in 1987, returned copper values in the range of 3-10% from underground channel sampling. Again, exploration will start with geophysics.

# A second deal announced on a gold mine

A second deal was announced on the same day, over the historic Gnows Nest Gold Mine near Yalgoo. That mine has recorded gold production of 27,000 oz at a recovered grade of 22 gpt, between 1923 and 1941. It closed down due to labour shortages and water inflows, having been producing from a narrow underground mine down to 135m depth.

Recent drilling on a 10m x 10m grid to depths of less than 50m vertical has enabled the calculation of an Indicated and Inferred Resource of 113,400 t at 3.78 gpt for 13,777 oz, that could be mined in a small open pit. There is potential for more mineralisation along strike and at depth. The original mine was based on a 1.2-2m wide vein but the

current resource sits in a 10m wide shear zone of talcchlorite schists. The general level of oxidation is 40m deep, with this extending much further in the shear zone itself. The immediate plan is to start an 8,000m drilling program in December to test for extensions.

The Gnows deal will cost the company \$1.2m on settlement and 22.857 mill. shares (nominally \$640,000 on the deal price of  $2.8\phi$ ). Another 48 million shares will be payable on the definition of 50,000 oz at 3.5 gpt, or a 34,000 oz JORC Reserve.

At recent gold prices of around US\$1,900/oz, the in situ value of the resource is around A\$36m. A small open pit could be developed at a good grade, for trucking to up to half a dozen plants in the area. The price Emu could get for the gold is very much open to negotiation, but if you assume a margin of A\$500/oz you can calculate a cash margin of about A\$7m. Hence the cost price of the deal.

The reality is that these sort of numbers are useful but not company-makers in their own right. Shareholders will be looking for the bigger picture exploration play for something more substantial. The fact that this historical mine hasn't been in the hands of a public company at any time over the last 40 years leaves the door open to possibilities. The real upside lies with the ability to grow the resource through exploration.

## Giving the company renewed life

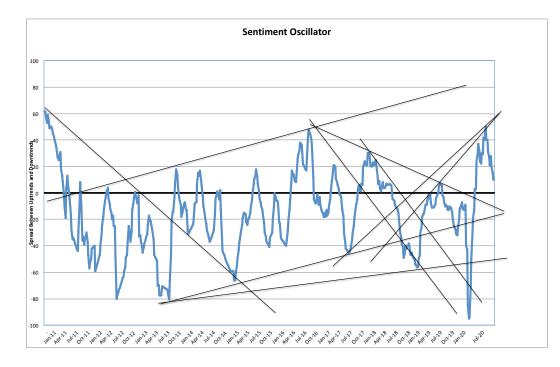
The acquisition of these projects represents the start of the rebirthing of Emu, following its withdrawal from Chile. The future value of the company and the share price will depend upon the levels of success it achieves in exploration programs, along with any subsequent acquisitions that the company may chose to pursue. The portfolio is quite topical given the excitement in WA created by Chalice's discovery at Julimar.

The commerciality of these terms accepted by Emu should be placed in perspective with some the IPOs doing the rounds at the moment. One could say that the purchase price is very modest, and suitably performance based, unlike the IPOs that the opportunists are trying to push onto Johnny Public. Take this as instructive.

A quick \$1m placement was done at 3¢ when the deal was announced, with Hartleys being the broker. Add this to the \$1.66m balance at 30/6/20, and the company has enough to keep the wheels rolling for the time being. The market capitalisation is around \$16.65m with the shares at 5¢.

The low share price and market capitalisation (pre-dilution for performance share issues), and an expanding information curve, are key features I like to see with exploration stocks. It is a new story that will gather momentum as exploration programs add to the news flow.

**Sentiment Oscillator:** Sentiment turned down again over the week. There were 46% (45%) of the charts in uptrend and 36% (30%) in downtrend on Friday's close. The increase in stocks in downtrends, whilst those in uptrend remained steady, suggests that the market is becoming more discerning. Stocks that had risen on optimism alone, earlier in the bull market, are being judged more critically now.



# **Detailed Chart Comments**

NB. Only the bold comments have been updated. Comments in grey type are from previous weeks and will be less relevant. Please note that this list is a cross section of the market. It IS NOT a list of recommendations.

Indices	Code	Trend Comment	
All Ordinaries	XAO	still weak	
Metals and Mining	XMM	down	
Energy	XEJ	down	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
Alpha HPA	A4N	new high	НРА
Adriatic Resources	ADT	trying to rally	zinc, polymetalic
Aeon Metals	AML	on support line	copper + cobalt
Alkane Resources	ALK	new high	gold, zirconia
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	surge to new high	base metals, silver, gold
Allegiance Coal	AHQ	sideways	coking coal
Alliance Resources	AGS	sideways	gold predevelopment
Alto Metals	AME	new high	gold exploration
American Rare Earths (was BPL)	ARR	surge to new high	rare earths
Apollo Consolidated	AOP	downtrend commenced	gold exploration
Arafura Resources	ARU	breached downtrend	rare earths
Aurelia Metals	AMI	testing support	gold + base metals
Australian Potash	APC	strongly higher	potash
Auteco Minerals	AUT	breached support line	gold exploration

BHP	BHP	
Base Resources	BSE	
BBX Minerals	BBX	
Beach Energy	BPT	
Beacon Mining	BCN	
Bellevue Gold	BGL	
Blackstone Minerals	BSX	
Blue Star Helium	BNL	
Breaker Resources	BRB	
Buru Energy	BRU	
Buxton Resources	BUX	
Calidus Resources	CAI	
Capricorn Metals	CMM	
Central Petroleum	CTP	
Chalice Gold	CHN	
Chase Mining	CML	
Chesser Resources	CHZ	
Cobalt Blue	COB	
Dacian Gold	DCN	
Danakali	DNK	
Davenport Resources	DAV	
De Grey	DEG	
E2 Metals	E2M	
Ecograf (was Kibaran)	EGR	
Element 25	E25	
Emerald Resources	EMR	
Euro Manganese	EMN	
Evolution Mining	EVN	
First Graphene	FGR	
Fortescue Metals	FMG	
Galaxy Resources	GXY	
Galena Mining	G1A	
Galilee Energy	GLL	
Genisis Minerals	GMD	
Gold Road	GOR	
Highfield Resources	HFR	
Hillgrove Resources	HGO	
Iluka Resources	ILU	
Image Resources	IMA	
Independence Group	IGO	
ioneer (was Global Geoscience)	INR	
Ionic Rare Earths (Oro Verde)	IXR	
Jervois Mining	JVR	
Jindalee Resources	JRL	

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down	diversified, iron ore
rising	mineral sands
higher	gold exploration
down	oil and gas
testing downtrend	gold production
sideways at highs	gold exploration
rising	nickel
rising	gas, helium
still in LT downtrend	gold exploration
down	oil
down on negative drill result	nickel exploration
sideways at highs	gold
breached uptrend	gold
rising	oil/gas
new high	nicklel, copper, PGMs, gold exploration
collapse on negative drill result	nickel/copper/PGE
back to highs	gold exploration
down	cobalt
rallying	gold
down	potash
still in longer term downtrend	potash
new high	gold
testing uptrend	gold exploration
pullback	graphite
new high	manganese
breached uptrend	gold
rising	manganese
sideways	gold
breached downtrend	graphene
down	iron ore
heavy slump	lithium
rising	lead
rising	oil and gas, CBM
uptrend	gold
down	gold
rising	potash
still in downtrend	copper
down	mineral sands
falling back to support line	mineral sands
down	gold
steeply higher	lithium
gentle uptrend	rare earths
sideways	nickel/cobalt
pullback	lithium
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Kin Mining	KIN	new h
Kingston Resources	KSN	testing
Kingwest Resources	KWR	drifting
Legend Mining	LEG	rising
Lepidico	LPD	sidew
Lindian Resources	LIN	highe
Lithium Australia	LIT	testing
Los Cerros	LCL	steepl
Lotus Resources	LOT	down
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	pullba
Lynas Corp.	LYC	new h
Mako Gold	MKG	back i
Mali Lithium	MLL	uptrer
Manhattan Corp	MHC	correc
Marmota	MEU	drifting
Marvel Gold (was Graphex)	MVL	pullba
MetalTech	мтс	breac
MetalsX	MLX	down
Metro Mining	ММІ	new lo
Mincor Resources	MCR	rising
Musgrave Minerals	MGV	down
Myanmar Minerals	MYL	on su
Nelson Resources	NES	rising
Neometals	NMT	testing
Northern Minerals	NTU	steepl
Northern Star Res.	NST	breac
NTM Gold	NTM	sidew
Oceana Gold	OGC	heavy
Oklo Resources	OKU	down
Orecorp	ORR	breac
Orocobre	ORE	down
Oz Minerals	OZL	down
Pacific American Holdings	PAK	strong
Pacifico Minerals	PMY	down
Pantoro	PNR	down
Panoramic Res	PAN	rising
Peak Resources	PEK	down
Peel Mining	PEX	uptrer
Peninsula Energy	PEN	down
Poseidon Nickel	POS	driftin
Pure Minerals	PM1	rising
Pensana Metals	PM8	surge
Perseus Mining	PRU	testing
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	rising

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new high	gold
testing uptrend	gold
drifting lower	gold
rising again	nickel exploration
sideways	lithium
higher	bauxite
testing uptrend	lithium
steeply higher	gold exploration
down	uranium
pullback on exploration news	diamonds
new high	rare earths
back in downtrend	gold exploration
uptrend	gold & lithium
correcting lower	gold exploration
drifting lower	gold exploration
pullback	gold exploration
breached uptrend	gold
down	tin, nickel
new low	bauxite
rising	gold/nickel
down	gold exploration
on support line	lead, zinc, silver
rising	gold exploration
testing downtrend	lithium
steeply higher	REE
breaching downtrend	gold
sideways	gold exploration
heavy fall	gold
down	gold expl.
breaching uptrend	gold development
down	lithium
down	copper
strongly higher	coal
down	silver/lead
down	gold
rising	nickel
down	rare earths
uptrend	copper
down again	uranium
drifting lower	nickel
rising	nickel/cobalt/HPA
surge to new high	rare earths
testing uptrend	gold
rising	lithium

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Polarex	PXX	
Ramelius Resources	RMS	
Red5	RED	
Red River Resources	RVR	
Regis Resources	RRL	
Renergen	RLT	
Resolution Minerals	RML	
Resolute Mining	RSG	
RIO	RIO	
Rumble Resources	RTR	
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	
Saracen Minerals	SAR	
St Barbara	SBM	
Sandfire Resources	SFR	
Santos	STO	
Saturn Metals	STN	
Sheffield Resources	SFX	
Sky Metals	SKY	
St George Mining	SGQ	
Silex Systems	SLX	
Silver Mines	SVL	
Sipa Resources	SRI	
Stanmore Coal	SMR	
Strandline Resources	STA	
Sunstone Metals	STM	
Talga Resources	TLG	
Technology Metals	тмт	
Tesoro Resources	TSO	
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	
Tietto Minerals	TIE	
Titan Minerals	ттм	
Vango Mining	VAN	
Venturex	VXR	
Vimy Resources	VMY	
West African Resources	WAF	
Westgold Resources	WGX	
West Wits Mining	WWI	
Western Areas	WSA	
Whitebark Energy	WBE	
Whitehaven Coal	WHC	
Wiluna Mining	WMX	
Yandal Resources	YRL	
Zinc Mines of Ireland	ZMI	
Totals	46%	66

heavy fall	polymetallic exploration
rising again	gold production
rallying	gold
new high	zinc
breached trend line	gold
down	gas, helium
down	gold exploration
down	gold
down	diversified, iron ore
rising again	gold exploration
down	potash
testing downtrend	gold
down	gold
Downtrend	copper
down	oil/gas
down	gold exploration
correcting lower	mineral sands
breaching downtrend	gold exploration
down	nickel
down	uranium enrichment technology
on support line	silver
breached uptrend	general exploration - Ni,Cu, Co, Au
new low	coal
down	mineral sands
uptrend	
rising	graphite
surge higher	vanadium
new high	gold exploration
uptrend	gold
down	gold
breaching downtrend	gold
down	gold
rising	zinc
sideways	uranium
new high	gold
breached downtrend	gold
rising	gold
down	nickel
down	oil and gas
rallying	coal
back to support line	gold
down	gold exploration
testing downtrend	zinc
Uptrend	

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36%	52	Downtrend	
	145	Total	

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- There are trends within trends. The focus of this chart review is the immediate trend that affects the sentiment i.e. it can be a downtrend within a long-term uptrend.
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Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting	
Gold	37	25.5%	
Gold Exploration	25	17.2%	
Nickel	12	8.3%	
Oil/Gas	8	5.5%	
Lithium	8	5.5%	
Zinc/Lead	7	4.8%	
Rare Earths	7	4.8%	
Copper	6	4.1%	
Mineral Sands	5	3.4%	
Iron Ore/Manganese	5	3.4%	
Potash/Phosphate	5	3.4%	
Coal	4	2.8%	
Uranium	4	2.8%	
Graphite	2	1.4%	
Bauxite	2	1.4%	
Silver	2	1.4%	
Cobalt	1	0.7%	
Tin	1	0.7%	

Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts

Diamonds	1	0.7%	
Other	3		
Total	145		

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