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Weekly Commentary

On Friday's Close

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News flow from a number of companies

Monday was a bad day for many spec stocks with almost everything falling. In most cases it was a tick down rather than anything more dramatic, but it was right across the board. Was it because of a lack of buyers as we approach the Xmas shutdown? Was it because there have been just too many capital raisings that sucked out too much money, or was it because the market is just tiring of some of the themes that have been active for most of 2021? These could have all been contributing factors. Remember that unless new buying keeps popping up, a share price in any particular stock is destined to fall.

Nevertheless, the rest of the week saw a good recovery in share prices as most stocks recaptured earlier levels. The trouble is, many of the moves took the prices back to to resistance points. They need to pierce through these to reverse expectations that the next move could be another leg down. We are in a phase that will probably see further easing of a number of share prices.

High power prices interruption zinc supply

Higher gas prices have caused the suspension of operations at a number of Europe's smelters. Nystar has slashed production by 50% due to the rising power costs. Glencore has suspended zinc production at its 100,000 tpa plant, citing high power costs. Fundamentals are looking good for zinc.

...and copper and nickel stocks tighten

Reuters reported that Shanghai copper stocks were at 36,110 tonnes, down 84% from May highs of 229,179 tonnes. Chinese copper imports are now at their highest since May as industrial production is being hit by power shortages. Similarly, LME nickel stocks were at 111,000 tonnes in November, down from 265,000 tonnes in May. Chinese nickel imports were 96% in Jan-Oct, compared to last year. Domestic production by Jinchuan has been hit by maintenance closures.

Another nickel discovery for Azure Minerals

We have previously mentioned Azure (AZS) with regards to VC-07 East and West nickel discoveries at the Andover Project (60%) in the West Pilbara region of WA. As good as these have been, with both massive and disseminated nickel mineralisation, it is the potential for many more deposits that feeds our enthusiasm. So far it has a 100% success rate in testing EM anomalies. This latest release at Skyline adds to the success rate with the first three drill holes intersecting nickel and copper mineralisation. Assays are pending.

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West Wits signs a good JV with RIO

When we have talked about WWI it has been in the context of its large gold resource in South Africa, but closer to home it has been gently advancing a promising lease in the Pilbara. The prospectivity of the Mt Cecelia ground has been confirmed with WWI announcing a \$10m farm-in agreement with RIO that could see that giant earning an 80% interest in the ground. Given that RIO is only interested in very large projects, a 20% interest could still be worth a lot of money. Its Winu discovery is now up to 741 Mt at 0.5 gpt and 0.45% Cu (12 Moz gold plus copper). This is an example of what the region is capable of hosting.

In true RIO style, the agreement gives it quite a few years in which to spend the money, so patience is needed. Nevertheless, we take great encouragement from this deal, announced just before the closure of the 1 for 6 entitlement issue.

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Manhattan delivers good gold intercepts

Last week Manhattan Corporation (MHC) reported 20 RC drill holes with the best intercepts being 8m at 40.5 gpt and 16m at 13.9 gpt from the Main Zone of the New Bendigo Project. Don't let the name confuse you though. It is not in Victoria, but in the far NW of NSW near Cameron's Corner. This remote area was first worked by old timers in the 1880s but it has never hosted a major mining operation. It is well know by fossickers who have frequently found near-surface nuggets, but before Manhattan picked 160 km of contiguous strike length it has never really been tested by modern explorers.

As we opined in earlier commentaries, having such a large tract of ground can be a double edged sword. Where do you start? You need to get good results early on to keep enthusiasm of shareholders high, but any single program is always going to test only a small part of the potential, and colour expectations thereafter. The risk is that average results might not be enough to encourage shareholders to hang on for the big one.

The above mentioned intercepts are amongst the best we have seen in this project, demonstrating high grade zones within lower grade horizons - typical of many goldfields. The 40% jump in the share price on this release was warranted, as the shares had been dragging along the 1¢ floor for a while. Where it goes from here will depend upon continuing news flow and a better understanding of how it all hangs together. There is still a learning curve ahead of the exploration team and it will take time and money, but longer term shareholders can feel confident that is definitely

a project of merit that could host large, good grade gold deposits. It is a matter of doing the work. The \$21m market capitalisation continues to be low, not factoring in exploration success yet. There was a cash balance of \$3.8m at 30/9/21, so there should not be any urgency to raise funds immediately.

As a little sweetener, don't forget MHC's Ponton uranium project in WA, 200 km NE of Kalgoorlie. This comprises an Inferred resource of 26 Mt at 300 ppm U_3O_8 for 17.2 Mlb, only 40 km from Vimy Resources' Mulga Rock Project. This wouldn't be economic at today's uranium prices and it would have major political problems in WA, but it may prove to be of some value if the positive swing in uranium sentiment continues.

Perseverance pays off for Rob at Emmerson

Tennant Creek has always been one of my favourite copper/gold fields in Australia due to its propensity to deliver very high grade ore bodies. The trouble is, they tend to be shaped like pencils - limited widths and breadth, but deep extensions - and they are very hard to find. It was over a decade ago that I spent a couple of days with Emmerson's Rob Bills on site, visiting the various prospects and coming away with a very positive impression. However, Tennant Creek was not about to give up its treasures quickly. Rob has learnt this the hard way. So, it was pleasing to see that the RC hole, HERC003 reported last week at the Hermitage Prospect (100% ERM), delivered 117m at 3.38% copper from 75m vertical depth. The higher grade interval was a very impressive 30m at 7.26% copper and 2.69m gpt gold, ending in mineralisation. A diamond trail will test the extensions in the new year.

This was the first drill program hole undertaken by EMR at this prospect, as it has been locked away with Traditional Landowners for a long time. Hole # 2 returned a more modest interval of 18m at 1.4% Cu and 24m at 4.2% Au, including 3m at 17.6 gpt Au and 0.46% bismuth. But note that this was drilled outside of the interpreted breccia that returned the high grades in Hole # 3.

Historically, the Tennant Creek-style orebodies have been found by running magnetic surveys to identify the magnetite bodies that host mineralisation. Over time all the obvious targets have been tested but many other, nonmagnetic targets remained. Modern, low cost drone surveys are giving much better resolution survey data now, showing up weaker magnetic targets that are dominated by haematite that have previously been missed. Hermitage is one such target.

This seems to be a breccia pipe with typical Tennant Creek strong zonation features. It starts as ironstone to a depth of 70m, then there is a malachite zone to 160m depth. This is followed by native copper in a supergene zone and then primary chalcopyrite. There seems to be good bismuth and cobalt grades and this generally indicates that there will be high grade gold pods.

Note that Hole 3 was drilled vertically. That means it went straight down the guts of the pipe and the interval is not representative of the mining width, so don't think this is a very wide body offering economies of scale. It will be narrower and very high grade. Companies can be criticised at times for not drilling perpendicular to the dip as the resultant interval can be misleading in terms of width, but there can be legitimate reasons for doing so e.g. where you have strong vertical control on mineralisation, as you have here, a vertical hole can give good information. Sometimes there can be physical issues with being able to locate the drill rig. As a generalisation drilling down dip is not recommended, but there can be exceptions.

While this could be described as a discovery, it is not quite virginal. Normandy Resources drilled three holes into it back in the 1990s, achieving good hits that included 23m at 6.8 gpt and 3.7% Cu. However, for some reason it didn't follow up on these holes.

Elsewhere, EMR has been working up small, high grade resources at its Chariot and Mauritania prospects in JV with Tennant Consolidated Mining Group. Chariot has been worked up to a 556,200 t at 7.8 gpt for 138,800 oz. We are still waiting for the JORC resource at Mauritania, but this is unlikely to be bigger than 30-50,000 oz. These projects are subject to a JV with TCMG, whereby that partner is providing up to \$10.5m for exploration expenditure, leaving EMR with a useful 6% royalty that could deliver net cash flow of US\$15-20m over the life of an operation.

The success achieved by Emmerson here is a testament to its persistence. The jump in the share price from 7.4¢ to twice this level would seem appropriate, giving a market capitalisation in the order of \$82m. More holes will add to confidence levels, but we can say it has already found something of high value.

Greenvale Mining having a re-run of interest

I chuckled when a client mentioned Greenvale Mining (GRV) the other day as it is a stock that I made good money on in the 1970s when I was funding my university education via share trading. Back then it was a big player in the oil shale boom that promised so much, but delivered so little. The Rundle Twins (Central and Southern Pacific) made fortunes for investors who got involved early, but their project eventually failed. The economics may have been dubious at the time, but I remember there was a real problem with foul smelling air pollution that couldn't be rectified to the satisfaction of the surrounding population. There was also some sort of dispute with financiers from the USA.

So now, it is not about oil shale (because that probably isn't a sexy term anymore), it is about torbanite. From what I can tell, we are still talking about the same stuff in the ground. However, the company is coming at it from a different angle this time, promoting a green power generation model with the aim of being a long term provider of power to the local grid from a 100MW solar and gas fired hybrid power station.

The power station will help the Alpha Project to become carbon neutral and assist the Company in fulfilling its longterm goal of becoming a responsible and sustainable producer of synthetic industrial carbon and bitumen products.

Reading through the update on the \$125-\$200m Alpha Torbanite Project released in September, I see that this is a heavy duty, heavy oils industrial project. There are plenty of similar oil shale deposits in Queensland if you want to go back through the records, so you can't consider the scarcity factor in assessing value. It is all about the management's ability to make it work, but this is no simple mining project. Whether it stacks up on economics requires a lot more

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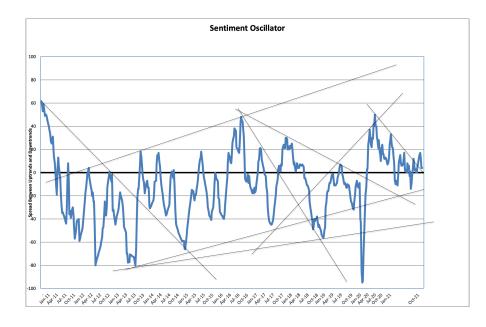
work. Environmental consideration bring yet another level of complications.

Irrespective of what I think, someone must believe in the future as Greenvale has a market capitalisation of \$125m, though it was twice this level in August. Maybe investors have also been buying for the IOCG exploration project in the Georgia Basin.

Trying to squeeze (or retort) oil out of near surface shale rocks is a difficult and dirty process. It was done in many places back in the annals of time to satisfy localised demand, but there are much more elegant and economical ways of recovering oil from deep underground reservoirs today.

Beware of companies that keep going back to the market

We need to be circumspect about companies that keep going back to the market to raise money. Sure, companies need to raise equity capital in order to survive, but those who go back two or three times in a 12 month period need to present a pretty reason for doing so ... other than just feeding the ducks while they are quaking. Each additional issue has to be digested by the market, and this tends to put a cap on the share price.



Sentiment Oscillator: Sentiment was steady over the week. There were 34% (34%) of the charts in uptrend and 30% (30%) in downtrend on Friday's close. There is nothing to complain about.

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	back above support line	
Metals and Mining	XMM	continuing to rise off its lows	
Energy	XEJ	breached support line	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
Alpha HPA	A4N	meeting resistance	HPA
Adriatic Resources	ADT	down	zinc, polymetalic
Alkane Resources	ALK	down	gold
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	softer after placement	base metals, silver, gold
Altech Chemical	ATC	strongly higher	HPA, anodes
Alto Metals	AME	sideways	gold exploration
American Borates	ABR	surge higher	borate

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American Rare Earths (was BPL)	ARR	breached steepest uptrend	rare earths	
Antilles Gold	AAU	testing downtrend	gold	
Arafura Resources	ARU	rising	rare earths	
Ardea Resources	ARL	sideways through support line	nickel	
Aurelia Metals	AMI	testing downtrend	gold + base metals	
Australian Potash	APC	heavy fall	potash	
Australian Rare Earths	AR3	rising again	rare earths	
Auteco Minerals	AUT	back to lows	gold exploration	
Azure Minerals	AZS	breached uptrend	nickel exploration	
BHP	BHP	new uptrend	diversified, iron ore	
Beach Energy	BPT	hit resistance line	oil and gas	
Bellevue Gold	BGL	down to recent lows	gold exploration	
Benz Mining	BNZ	down	gold	
Blue Star Helium	BNL	in a topping formation	gas, helium	
BMG Resources	BMG	back to lows	gold exploration	
Boab Metals	BML	in a secondary downtrend	silver/lead	
Breaker Resources	BRB	heavy fall from highs	gold exploration	
Buru Energy	BRU	rallying	oil	
Calidus Resources	CAI	rising again	gold	
Capricorn Metals	СММ	surge to new high	gold	
Caravel Minerals	CVV	down	copper	
Celsius Resources	CLA	new low	copper	
Chalice Mining	CHN	new high	nicklel, copper, PGMs, gold exploration	
Chesser Resources	CHZ	softer	gold exploration	
Cobalt Blue	СОВ	heading down	cobalt	
Cyprium Metals	СҮМ	continuing down	copper	
Danakali	DNK	long term downtrend	potash	
De Grey	DEG	shallow downtrend being tested	gold	
Develop Global	VXR	rallying	zinc	
E2 Metals	E2M	surge higher, then heavy fall	gold exploration	
Ecograf	EGR	surge out of downtrend, then heavy fall	graphite	
Element 25	E25	secondary downtrend	manganese	
Emerald Resources	EMR	rising again	gold	
Euro Manganese	EMN	continuing to fall	manganese	
Evolution Mining	EVN	testing downtrend	gold	
Firefinch	FFX	strongly higher	gold	
First Graphene	FGR	rising again	graphene	
Fortescue Metals	FMG	new uptrend	iron ore	
FYI Resources	FYI	collapse out of uptrend	HPA	
Galena Mining	G1A	still down	lead	
Galilee Energy	GLL	down	oil and gas, CBM	
Genesis Minerals	GMD	testing downtrend	gold	
Genmin	GEN	back in downtrend	iron ore	
Global Energy Ventures	GEV	testing uptrend	hydrogen	

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Gold Road	GOR	testing downtrend	gold
Great Boulder Resources	GBR	down	gold exploration
Hastings Technology Metals	HAS	testing uptrend	rare earths
Hazer Group	HZR	heavy correction	hydrogen
Highfield Resources	HFR	down	potash
Hillgrove Resources	HGO	breached downtrend	copper
Iluka Resources	ILU	testing downtrend	mineral sands
Image Resources	IMA	a bit stronger	mineral sands
Independence Group	IGO	new high	gold
ioneer (was Global Geoscience)	INR	testing uptrend	lithium
Ionic Rare Earths (Oro Verde)	IXR	recovering long term uptrend	rare earths
Jervois Mining	JVR	shallower uptrend	nickel/cobalt
Jindalee Resources	JRL	down again	lithium
Kairos Minerals	KAI	weaker	gold exploration, lithium
Kingston Resources	KSN	back to sideways pattern	gold
Kingwest Resources	KWR	strong uptrend	gold
Latitude Consolidated	LCD	testing downtrend	gold
Legend Mining	LEG	still down	nickel exploration
Lepidico	LPD	testing steepest uptrend	lithium
Lindian Resources	LIN	surge higher	bauxite
Lion One Metals	LLO	sideways	gold
Lithium Australia	LIT	heavy slump	lithium
Los Cerros	LCL	sideways through downtrend	gold exploration
Lotus Resources	LOT	testing uptrend	uranium
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	new uptrend	diamonds
Lynas Corp.	LYC	new high	rare earths
Magnetic Resources	MAU	sideways	gold exploration
Mako Gold	MKG	gently improving	gold exploration
Marmota	MEU	rallying	gold exploration
Marvel Gold	MVL	new high	gold exploration
Matador Mining	MZZ	breached downtrend	gold exploration
Megado Gold	MEG	down	gold exploration
MetalTech	мтс	off the end of a ramp	gold
Meteoric Resources	MEI	down heavily	gold exploration
MetalsX	MLX	new high	tin, nickel
Metro Mining	ММІ	back to lows	bauxite
Mincor Resources	MCR	testing uptrend	gold/nickel
Musgrave Minerals	MGV	testing downtrend	gold exploration
Neometals	NMT	new high	lithium
Northern Minerals	NTU	rising	REE
Northern Star Res.	NST	slump back into downtrend	gold
Nova Minerals	NVA	consolidating after steep rise	gold exploration
Oceana Gold	OGC	heavy slump	gold
Oklo Resources	OKU	new uptrend	gold expl.

Orecorp	ORR	testing uptrend	gold development
Oz Minerals	OZL	rising again	copper
Pacific American	PAK	back to lows	coking coal
Pantoro	PNR	consolidating at higher levels	gold
Panoramic Res	PAN	surge higher	nickel
Peak Minerals	PUA	new low	copper exploration
Peak Resources	PEK	down	rare earths
Peel Mining	PEX	testing downtrend	copper
Peninsula Energy	PEN	consolidating	uranium
Poseidon Nickel	POS	gently lower	nickel
Perseus Mining	PRU	slump	gold
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	new high	lithium
Queensland Pacific Metals	QPM	downtrend commencing	nickel/cobalt/HPA
Red River Resources	RVR	testing downtrend	zinc
Regis Resources	RRL	new low on large financing	gold
Renergen	RLT	heavy fall from highs	gas, helium
RIO	RIO	testing steep downtrend	diversified, iron ore
Rumble Resources	RTR	still giving up ground	gold exploration
S2 Resources	S2R	consolidating after steep rise	gold exploration
St Barbara	SBM	testing downtrend	gold
Sandfire Resources	SFR	rallying	copper
Santos	STO	falling	oil/gas
Saturn Metals	STN	breached short term uptrend	gold exploration
Silex Systems	SLX	on support line	uranium enrichment technology
Silver Mines	SVL	testing downtrend	silver
South Harz Potash	SHP	turning down	potash
Stanmore Coal	SMR	new high	coal
Strandline Resources	STA	rising	mineral sands
Sunstone Metals	STM	surged higher	exploration
Talga Resources	TLG	heavy fall	graphite
Fechnology Metals	ТМТ	down	vanadium
Tesoro Resources	TSO	new low	gold exploration
Theta Gold Mines	тдм	sideways to lower	gold
Thor Mining	THR	testing support	gold exploration
Fietto Minerals	TIE	strong rise	gold
Fitan Minerals	ТТМ	sideways	gold
Turaco	TCG	slipped after placement	gold exploration
/anadium Resources	VR8	testing uptrend	vanadium
/imy Resources	VMY	testing uptrend	uranium
Vest African Resources	WAF	new high	gold
Vestgold Resources	WGX	breached downtrend but correcting lower	gold
West Wits Mining	wwi	down	gold
Vestern Areas	WSA	surge higher	nickel
Vhitehaven Coal	WHC	down	coal

Wiluna Mining	WMC		gently higher	gold
Yandal Resources	YRL		breached uptrend	gold exploration
Zenith Minerals	ZNC		placement and downtrend	gold exploration
Zinc Mines of Ireland	ZMI		new uptrend	zinc
Totals	34%	49	Uptrend	
	30%	43	Downtrend	
		143	Total	

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Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts					
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting			
Gold	31	21.7%			
Gold Exploration	26	18.2%			
Nickel	12	8.4%			
Copper	10	7.0%			
Lithium	6	4.2%			
Rare Earths	8	5.6%			
Oil/Gas	6	4.2%			
Iron Ore/Manganese	6	4.2%			
Zinc/Lead	5	3.5%			
Mineral Sands	3	2.1%			
Potash/Phosphate	5	3.5%			
Uranium	4	2.8%			
Graphite/graphene	4	2.8%			

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Coal	3	2.1%	
Bauxite	2	1.4%	
Silver	2	1.4%	
Cobalt	1	0.7%	
Tin	1	0.7%	
Diamonds	1	0.7%	
Other	7		
Total	143		

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