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Weekly Commentary

On Friday's Close

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Money still flowing out of mining stocks

The market is still going through a phase whereby funds are flowing out of mining and oil stocks. Maybe it is seasonal, maybe it is technical, but there is definitely a shortage of buyers right now. In times like this we all look at our portfolio and question what is being done about stock promotion and news flow, but the reality is that such ponderings are usually a waste of time. It is very difficult to swim against the tide. You need to assess it from a broad market perspective, and be patient.

The fall in the iron ore price by 33% has helped with the big end of town. A number of copper stocks that were performing well on infrastructure expectations have now run out of steam. Battery inputs stocks are going downhill, with lithium and graphite companies offering only downside. Cobalt stocks have all pulled back sharply, but this is more likely profit taking and parking money on the sidelines. The shortage of cobalt is not going away in a hurry, so expect another wave in the cobalt cycle at some point. This next tick upwards will be more subdued though, as investors are starting to learn what is and isn't important in the cobalt space. More measured buying will be the driver.

The gold price movements not firing up stocks

A good example of the underperformance of equities has been the failure of gold stocks to respond to the better gold price. Some of the larger producers have responded but the vast bulk of gold equities seem to be watching and waiting. It is as if the market doesn't believe what it is seeing. Yet the market is still happy to respond to good exploration news, such as Kin Mining, which looks like has found a primary orebody beneath the weathered zone orebody at Cardinia, near Kalgoorlie.

Big picture politics

The media and main stream markets are focusing on big picture politics at present rather than economics and finance. The progression of North Korea on the nuclear capability path is a worry with the worst case scenario being a show stopper. The best case scenario would be for China to exercise its control, in the interests of world stability, but it would seek a quid pro quo from America. Could this be the inflection point where China takes over from the USA as the most powerful influence on international politics? Will it be a trade-off whereby the USA is forced to accept the Spratly Islands strategy being pursued by China?

Syria continues to be an open wound, with the problems there maybe having something to do with Alacer's weak share price. One can't help but wonder whether Turkey's president is seeking to get a stranglehold on politics in his own country before deciding to move into Syria on the basis that it is an unacceptable situation to have going on in its neighbouring country. Russia might not be happy, but the USA would probably be relieved to leave it to the locals to sort out their own region. The French, and now the impending UK election, will either make the world more stable or more volatile, depending upon the outcomes. The pendulum is swinging towards a more aggressive world, which ever way you look, as a pushback on the whimpishness that has constrained governments over the last decade is pushed aside. The movement to homogenise the world is being rejected by vested cultural interests that are fighting for their survival. Democracy as a concept is under threat where it fails to recognise these cultures. Just ask the French.

Rather than a struggle between labour and capital, the traditional battleground, we are now in an age of struggle between globalisation and cultural preservation. Big international corporations have aligned themselves with the multiculturalists even though their agenda is completely different. The companies want to make profits that take advantage of globalisation and freedom of labour movements, while the left wing activists want a greater emphasis on inclusion as they seek to promote integration and eventual takeover of their newly found homes.

So where does this leave the average punter in the stock market? I'm still trying to figure that one out.

Looking for a good zinc play? Try Consolidated Zinc

CZL dropped in to see me during the week. Whilst I was aware of its existence, I had never had the chance to meet management before. I was impressed with what I saw. With a market capitalisation of only \$10m, it looks like it is all upside from here. Why is it so cheap? Maybe because its project is in Mexico and the Australian punters can't get their heads around it.

The Plomosas Zinc Project is located in the the state of Chihuahua, well known for its mining credentials. The project has a long history of production. Between 1945 and 1974, the Grupo Mexico mined 2.5 Mt at 24% Zn+Pb and 80 gpt Ag, to a depth of 260m. Thus it is high grade. The Martinez family acquired the project and conducted intermittent remnant mining from 1978 to 2014, at which time CZL acquired a 51% interest, with the right to go to 100%.

By the end of 2015, CZL had spent \$1.4m dewatering the mine, which has water inflow of 4m³/minute. The pumps can now handle the inflow while operating on a 10 day on/ 20 day off schedule. Development activity is now focusing on Levels 7 and 8.

CZL has announced a JORC resource of 568,000 t at 16.7% Zn+Pb, including an indicated portion of 99,000 t at 28.3%. While modest at the moment, it is just the beginning. The historical mining has worked the Main Manto Horizon which averaged 2.5m in thickness, but CZL has made an important discovery at Tres Amigos only 100-150m beneath the Main Manto trend. The first drill hole hit 4.7m at 42% Zn, 4.6% Pb and 32 gpt Ag. Back at Main Manto, CZL has found a 500m strike extension to the south which it has named Carola South. A 500m drive on Level 7

into this was channel sampled at 10m intervals, returning very good assays with 75% returning combined grades of better than 30%. As far as CZL knows, this zone is open above and below the 7 Level.

The real sweetener for CZL is the availability of a small processing plant already on site, that was last employed in 2011. While only having a capacity of 60,000 tpa, CZL believes it can be refurbished and expanded to a capacity of 115.000 tpa at a capital cost of US\$8m and the use of a contract crusher. The underground infrastructure has a capacity of up to 1,000 tpd with there being three shafts and two 4.5m x 5.5m declines. Mining capacity is much greater than the planned production rate of 300 tpd. At this rate CZL could be producing 14,000 tpa of metal in concentrates, generating US\$25m p.a. in revenues. Mining, processing and overhead costs are estimated at US\$70, \$25 and \$15 pt respectively. Government royalties will take 7.5% and corporate income tax 30%. Net cash flows could be in the order of US\$7-10m p.a., which suggests an attractive payback period of 12-15 months. The mine life on JORC resources would be 4-5 years.

Further out CZL would like to aim for a new treatment plant that has twice the capacity, but that will be dependent upon continued exploration success and the expansion of resources.

So how will it fund this development given that it has less than \$1m in the bank? A near term share issue is on the cards but it won't fund the development alone. Trade finance will also be looked at with CZL believing it can raise 50% of the costs through prepayment of concentrates.

The bottom line is that there is not much downside from here, with there being a possibility of making a multiple of your money. That is what I look for at the junior end, so I have already started to pick up a few in the market. We have added Consolidated Zinc to our chart coverage.

Graphene advancements

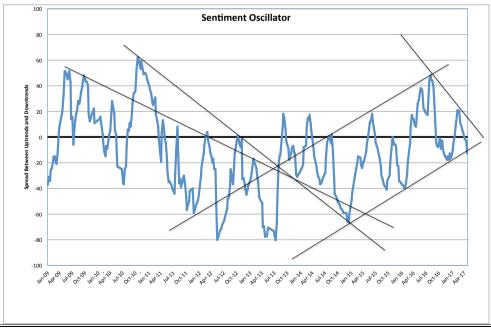
The announcement by Talga that test work shows it can increase thermal conductivity in concrete through the addition of graphene is positive for the graphene sector generally, but should not surprise any of the graphene watchers out there in the market.

We have seen Eden Innovations rise from \$10m to better than \$300m based on carbon nanotubes in concrete, achieving 50% improvements in performance in a number of parameters. The scientists tell us that graphene can do even better.

Talga is saying it can get 30% better conductivity by adding a blend of its primary ore, and graphene. Thus it is talking about low and high tech together. It is saying that it can sell its ore (either as run-of-mine or with only limited processing) as an additive to the concrete mix. The economics of this will depend upon proximity to concrete mixing plants, as transporting the material long distances would not be very profitable. The question to ask is whether selling the ore in this manner is better than turning it into graphene and micro graphite, and whether other graphite deposits in Sweden are equally suitable for the the mixing with concrete. The usual logistical and competitive parameters need to be assessed.

The market capitalisation of Talga has increased to \$135m on the announcement of this news, making it one of the best performing junior mining stocks in recent months, after two years of ordinary share price performance. Given that it has previously announced that it needs \$30m for its processing plant, are we seeing the groundwork being laid for an equity issue to fund its development? Time will tell. At the end of the day the market capitalisation must always align with the earnings potential.

Relating this information back to a competing graphene stock, First Graphite, it is worth noting the disparity in the market capitalisations. Talga is at \$120m while FGR is only \$32m. Yet, anything that Talga can do on the graphene front FGR can do better, at lower capex and opex. Any advancement that anyone makes in the applications for graphene will benefit the whole graphene sector, but FGR will always be the lowest cost producer due to its very high starting grade of graphite and its low capital cost. We have a rising tide in the graphene sector and FGR is well placed in the lowest cost decile.



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Sentiment Indicator: We have seen the crunching of sentiment last week that was needed to fulfil the pattern on the Sentiment Oscillator, from which we can expect a reversal. If so, the market should be making a recovery from these levels. The question is ... "do you believe these charts?" There were 21% (25%) of the charts in uptrend and 34% (27%) in downtrend.

Detailed Chart Comments

NB. Only the bold comments have been updated. Comments in grey type are from previous weeks and will be less relevant.

| Indices | Code | Trend Comment | | |
|-----------------------|------|---|------------------------|--|
| All Ordinaries | XAO | pullback from its highs | | |
| Metals and Mining | ХММ | trying to hold trend line | | |
| Energy | XEJ | pullback from its highs | | |
| Stocks | Code | Trend Comment (updated comments in bold) | Main Interest | |
| ABM Resources | ABU | sideways to lower | gold | |
| Aeon Metals | AML | sideways through uptrend | copper + cobalt | |
| Alacer Gold | AQG | breached uptrend | gold – production | |
| Alkane Resources | ALK | fallen to new low | gold, zirconia | |
| Acacia Resources | AJC | Sideways at the bottom | coal | |
| Aguia Resources | AGR | testing resistance line | phosphate | |
| Alicanto Minerals | AQI | sideways at lows | gold exploration | |
| Alliance Resources | AGS | sideways | gold exploration | |
| Alltech Chemicals | ATC | resting on long term supporting trendline | industrial minerals | |
| Anova Metals | AWV | testing downtrend | gold | |
| Antipa Minerals | AZY | testing downtrend | gold | |
| Apollo Consolidated | AOP | sideways at lows | gold exploration | |
| Archer Exploration | AXE | continuing down | magnesite, graphite | |
| Argent Minerals | ARD | pullback | polymetallic | |
| Aspire Mining | AKM | continuing to fall | coal | |
| Atrum Coal | ATU | sideways through downtrend | coal | |
| Aurelia Metals | AMI | testing uptrend | gold + base metals | |
| Auroch Minerals | AOU | breached uptrend | exploration | |
| Aus Tin | ANW | softer | tin, cobalt | |
| Australian Bauxite | ABX | back into downtrend | bauxite | |
| Australian Potash | APC | continuing higher | potash | |
| Australian Mines | AUZ | short term down | cobalt/nickel | |
| Australian Vanadium | AVL | rising gently | vanadium | |
| Avanco Resources | AVB | starting to test uptrend | copper | |
| AWE | AWE | down again | oil and gas | |
| Azure Minerals | AZS | crunch down on Kennecott withdrawal | silver | |
| BHP | BHP | back into short term downtrend | diversified | |
| Base Resources | BSE | breached steepest uptrend, LT uptrend now | mineral sands | |
| Bathurst Resources | BRL | continuing higher | coal | |
| Battery Minerals | BAT | down | graphite | |
| Beach Energy | BPT | on long term support | oil and gas | |
| Beadell Resources | BDR | breached ST uptrend | gold | |
| Berkeley Resources | BKY | heavy fall, now on long term support | uranium | |
| Berkut Minerals | BMT | down | cobalt | |
| Blackham Resources | BLK | down heavily on production downgrade | gold | |
| Broken Hill Prospect. | BPL | hit resistance line | minerals sands, cobalt | |
| Buru Energy | BRU | sideways at lows | oil | |
| Canyon Resources | CAY | new low | bauxite | |
| Cardinal Resources | CDV | breaching uptrend after placement | gold exploration | |
| Carnegie Clean Energy | CCE | new high | wave energy | |

| Cassini Resources | CZI | |
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| Chalice Gold | CHN | |
| Cobalt Blue | COB | |
| Consolidated Zinc | CZL | |
| Corizon Mining | CZN | |
| Crusader Resources | CAS | |
| Dacian Gold | DCN | |
| Danakali | DNK | |
| Doray Minerals | DRM | |
| Duketon Mining | DKM | |
| Eden Innovations | EDE | |
| Energia Minerals | EMX | |
| Equator Resources | EQU | |
| Evolution Mining | EVN | |
| Excelsior Gold | EXG | |
| Finders Resources | FND | |
| First Australian | FAR | |
| First Graphite | FGR | |
| Fortescue Metals | FMG | |
| Galaxy Resources | GXY | |
| Galilee Energy | GLL | |
| Gascoyne Resources | GCY | |
| Geopacific Res. Resources | GPR | |
| Global Geoscience | GSC | |
| Gold Road | GOR | |
| Graphex Mining | GPX | |
| Heron Resources | HRR | |
| | HFR | |
| Highfield Resources Highlands Pacific | HIG | |
| Hillgrove Resources | HGO | |
| Hot Chilli | нсн | |
| Iluka Resources | ILU | |
| | IMA | |
| Image Resources Independence | IGO | |
| Intrepid Mines | IAU | |
| Karoon Gas | KAR | |
| Kibaran Resources | KNL | |
| | KIN | |
| Kin Mining Legend Mining | LEG | |
| | LIT | |
| Lithium Australia | | |
| Lucapa Diamond | LOM | |
| Macphersons Res. | MRP | |
| Medusa Mining | MML | |
| MetalsX | MLX | |
| Metro Mining | MMI | |
| Mincor Resources | MCR | |
| Mineral Deposits | MDL | |
| Mustang Resources | MUS | |
| MZI Resources | MZI | |
| Northern Minerals | NTU | |
| Northern Star Res. | NST | |
| NTM Gold | NTM | |
| Oceana Gold | OGC | |
| Oklo Resources | OKU | |

| new high | nickel/Cu expl. |
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| holding uptrend | gold |
| uptrend breached | cobalt |
| downtrend | zinc |
| new low | cobalt |
| sideways through downtrend | gold/iron ore |
| secondary downtrend | gold exploration |
| strongly higher | potash |
| continuing to fall | gold |
| breached downtrend | nickel |
| breached uptrend | carbon nanotubes in concrete |
| heavy pullback | zinc |
| breached uptrend | cobalt/nickel |
| surge through downtrend line | gold |
| surge higher | gold |
| breached downtrend | copper |
| new uptrend | oil/gas |
| testing downtrend | graphite |
| new downtend | iron ore |
| breached support line | lithium |
| testing uptrend | oil and gas, CBM |
| correcting lower | gold |
| testing downtrend | copper/gold exp. |
| new high | lithium |
| testing downtrend | gold exploration |
| breached uptrend | graphite |
| drifting lower | zinc |
| breached downtrend | potash |
| edging higher | copper, nickel |
| rising again | copper |
| testing downtrend | copper |
| surged higher | mineral sands |
| new high | mineral sands |
| down | gold, nickel |
| sideways | copper |
| breached support line | gas |
| breached support line | graphite |
| surge on gold discovery announcement | gold |
| strong surge, then a slump | exploration |
| secondary downtrend | lithium |
| down | diamonds |
| sideways through steep uptrend | silver |
| testing downtrend | gold |
| breached uptrend | tin, nickel |
| testing uptrend | bauxite |
| breached support line | nickel |
| continuing up | mineral sands |
| correcting lower | diamonds, rubies |
| still in downtrend | mineral sands |
| sideways | REE |
| rising | gold |
| breached uptrend | gold |
| holding LT uptrend | gold |
| steeply higher s believed to be accurate and reliable. Far East Capital | gold expl. |

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| Orecorp | ORR | |
| Orinoco Gold | OGX | |
| Orocobre | ORE | |
| Oz Minerals | OZL | |
| Paladin Energy | PDN | |
| Pacific American Coal | PAK | |
| Pantoro | PNR | |
| Panoramic Res | PAN | |
| Paringa Resources | PNL | |
| Peel Mining | PEX | |
| Peninsula Energy | PEN | |
| Perseus Mining | PRU | |
| Pilbara Minerals | PLS | |
| PNX Metals | PNX | |
| Potash West | PWN | |
| Red River Resources | RVR | |
| Regis Resources | RRL | |
| Resolute Mining | RSG | |
| Reward Minerals | RWD | |
| RIO | RIO | |
| RTG Mining | RTG | |
| Rum Jungle | RUM | |
| Salt Lake Potash | SO4 | |
| Saracen Minerals | SAR | |
| St Barbara | SBM | |
| Sandfire Resources | SFR | |
| Santana Minerals | SMI | |
| Santos | STO | |
| Sheffield Resources | SFX | |
| Silver Lake Resources | SLR | |
| Silver Mines | SVL | |
| Sino Gas & Energy | SEH | |
| Southern Gold | SAU | |
| Stanmore Coal | SMR | |
| Sundance Energy | SEA | |
| Syrah Resources | SYR | |
| Talga Resources | TLG | |
| Tanami Gold | TAM | |
| Tempo Australia | TPP | |
| Teranga Gold | TGZ | |
| Tiger Realm | TIG | |
| Tiger Resources | TGS | |
| TNG Resources | TNG | |
| Torian Resources | TNR | |
| Toro Energy | TOE | |
| Troy Resources | TRY | |
| Tyranna Resources | ТҮХ | |
| Vimy Resources | VMY | |
| West African Resources | WAF | |
| Westwits | WWI | |
| Western Areas | WSA | |
| White Rock | WRM | |
| Whitehaven Coal | WHC | |
| Whitehaven coal WPG Resources | WPG | |
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| on support line in a wedge gold development at lows gold development rallying lithium | |
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| down copper | |
| suspended uranium | |
| breached support line coal, graphene | |
| new high gold | |
| breached uptrend nickel | |
| resting on support line coal | |
| gentle uptrend copper | |
| slump uranium | |
| testing downtrend gold | |
| heavy fall lithium/tantalum | |
| down gold, silver, zinc | |
| falling potash | |
| ST down zinc | |
| rallying gold | |
| holding long term support gold | |
| testing downtrend potash | |
| down diversified | |
| down again copper/gold | |
| sideways quartz | |
| breached uptrend potash | |
| still under downtrend gold | |
| breached resistance line gold | |
| breached uptrend copper | |
| back in downtrend silver | |
| under long term support line oil/gas | |
| still in downtrend mineral sands | |
| heavy fall gold | |
| down again silver | |
| down gas | |
| down gold | |
| breaching long term support coal | |
| down oil/gas | |
| falling heavily graphite | |
| new high graphene | |
| short term down gold | |
| breached downtrend mining services | |
| secondary downtrend gold | |
| down coal | |
| suspended copper | |
| hugging support line titanium, vanadium | |
| downtrend gold expl'n | |
| down uranium | |
| breaching steep downtrend gold | |
| sideways gold exploration | |
| sideways uranium | |
| testing downtrend gold | |
| testing downtrend gold exploration/development | |
| back to lows nickel | |
| hitting resistance silver | |
| a spike and then a pullback coal | |
| still down gold | |

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| Wolf Minerals | WLF | | sideways at the lows | tungsten |
|---------------|-----|-----|----------------------|----------|
| Totals | 21% | 31 | Uptrend | |
| | 34% | 50 | Downtrend | |
| | | 148 | Total | |

Guides to Chart Interpretations

- Charts usually go pass from one trend (up or down) into the other via a period of indecision and uncertainty during which the trend can either recover or change. This period is signified by the orange colour. The orange represent both the greatest risk and greatest reward possibilities.
- Once a chart is in confirmed up or downtrends it is not uncommon for 10-20% of that trend to have already transpired.
- 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.
- Not every chart warrants a new comment every week. The new comments are in bold type. Grey type comments may be dated.
- Individual charts provide a single view. It is valuable to look at charts of other companies in similar commodities, and the overall sentiment is also very
 valuable. Not many stocks can swim against the tide.
- We periodically add or delete charts, some times for obscure reasons. If a chart consistent gives poor signals or is very erratic, we may delete it. Sometimes we add a chart because we want to see what all the fuss is about. We do have a preference for charting stocks that we cover in our research as well.
- Errors and omissions may occur from time to time, especially in fast moving markets.

Amber Lights in Tables: Just a reminder if when the amber light is used in the table – it is when the charts are ambiguous or when there is a change of trend taking place. If a chart is breaching a downtrend it can either be a positive sign or a trap. Only once it has done more work can it be confirmed as a new uptrend. Maybe it is a new uptrend (or conversely a new downtrend); the risk takers can decide to jump on board early (or sell). They will maximise their profits (or minimise their losses if indeed it is the start of the new uptrend (downtrend). More risk-averse investors should wait a little longer, being prepared to give up some of the gains in return for greater certainty.

| Sector | No. of Companies | Weighting | |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------|--|
| Gold | 32 | 21.6% | |
| Copper | 13 | 8.8% | |
| Gold Exploration | 14 | 9.5% | |
| Coal | 10 | 6.8% | |
| Oil/Gas | 9 | 6.1% | |
| Potash/Phosphate | 7 | 4.7% | |
| Mineral Sands | 7 | 4.7% | |
| Graphite | 6 | 4.1% | |
| Silver | 6 | 4.1% | |
| Zinc | 6 | 4.1% | |
| Lithium | 5 | 3.4% | |
| Nickel | 5 | 3.4% | |
| Uranium | 5 | 3.4% | |
| Cobalt | 4 | 2.7% | |
| Tin | 2 | 1.4% | |
| Bauxite | 3 | 2.0% | |
| Diamonds | 2 | 1.4% | |
| Iron Ore | 1 | 0.7% | |
| Other | 11 | | |
| Total | 148 | | |

Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts

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