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# Weekly Commentary

The Mining Investment Experts

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## Anova Metals site visit - adding to the ounces

#### The second wave is starting

The market has been in a correction mode for about two months now, signalling the end of the first wave of the new bull market in mining stocks. Going through the charts the most common new entry is "rallying". Technically that means that these stocks are recovering from the lows of downtrends. It would be a fair bet to say these stocks won't go any lower but the normal scenario is for them to bounce around a bit to form some sort of a base. If they move ahead too fast the rises will be short term and unsustainable. So, you can expect a few weeks of improved sentiment with careful stock selection needed to make sure you get onto the stocks that will have sustainable rises. The easy market where everything rises was the first wave. That is over. It's time to get smart and think more carefully about what you are buying.

#### Anova Metals - background information

After the Guyana site visit, and the Beaver Creek Precious Metals Conference, I proceeded to Nevada, one of the most famous gold mining states in the USA. The purpose was to inspect Anova's Big Springs Gold Project, which it acquired in 2012. Back then it had a disclosed resource of one million ounces at 2.2 gpt, being the remnant resources after open pit mining by Freeport had removed about 350,000 oz in a period of sub \$400/oz gold prices.

At the time of the acquisition AWV was still called Kimberley Rare Earths, but it was looking for a new future following the collapse of the rare earths bubble. A gold acquisition at around \$10/oz for cash and paper seemed a good start. The Mitchell River Group became the main shareholder block, with management changing hands. Far East Capital raised small amounts of capital for the Company as it progressed along the path of recalculating resources to comply with JORC standards and as it conducted negotiations with the nearby Jerritt Canyon treatment plant and roaster. A lengthy permitting program was embarked upon with a view to mining the higher grade gold at 4-6 gpt.

Below is a quick summary of the project from a research note I published last February.

Location - 80 km N of Elko, Nevada USA Infrastructure - Excellent in established mining region

Ore Type - Refractory, roasting required

Treatment Deal - Tolling arrangement with Jerritt Canyon Throughput - 270,000 tpa, but can increase to 350,000 tpa

Head Grade - 5.9 gpt (average u/g)

Recovery Rate - 88%

Gold Production - 42,000 oz p.a.

Method - open pit 185,000 t at 4.5 gpt, 9:1 w/o, then u/g Finance - from internal cash - recently raised \$9m at 13 c NPV8% - 23 c on six year life, US\$1,200/oz, A\$0.70

There have been some positive developments since this note was written. The gold price has been much stronger. There has been a \$9m capital raising that has placed the

Company in a sound financial position, and AWV has commenced an extensional drilling program.

#### Anova Metals - site visit observations

While an analyst can reasonably value a project from technical papers presented to him in his office, a site visit gives a much better perspective. Seeing is believing. You learn much more in 24 hours on site than a couple hours in the boardroom. I will give readers my first impressions below, with a more detailed note to come out later.

To begin with, from a couple of years ago, we mostly thought that Big Springs hosted a useful gold resource that was worth much more than the market was valuing it at. It was an asset with good upside which would become apparent once it was in production and generating strong cash flow. It was a low risk way to make a multiple on your money. However, perspectives change, sometimes for the better.

With the raising of the \$9m at 13¢ recently, AWV now has the capacity to be expansive. It doesn't have to limit itself to a commercialisation exercise whilst being capital constrained. It can go out and drill extensions of the orebodies and add economic ounces to its inventory.

When originally mined by Freeport, the gold price was much lower at < \$500/oz. Freeport mined open pit gold from a number of pits, taking the lowest cost ore possible and gold that was generally lower grade near surface, treating it in its own facility. However, there wasn't much incentive to push into the underground phase with the economics that it was labouring under at the time.

This is unlike many WA gold deposits that have undergone an extensive oxidation and lateral dispersion, which facilitated low cost, large tonnage open pit mines with low grade gold deposits. Once these pits were worked out the high grade feed zones were mostly narrow structures which were not compatible with the capital equipment, the scale and the skill bases of open pit miners. It was a different ball game.

Placing Big Springs in perspective, its orebodies are in mountainous geography with minimal oxidation. The orebodies are more discrete, higher grade and promise to extend considerable distances at depth. Importantly they are wide enough to sustain bulk underground mining as opposed to narrow high grade veins. There are at least 4-5 orebodies that show strong depth potential based on structural analysis and historical drilling. While the initial mine plan calls for a three year stage one, and possibly a second three year extension, there is no reason that the mines can't go on much longer once the drilling and planning has been undertaken.

The extensional drilling is relatively low risk. It is brownfields exploration designed to fill in the gaps and extend certainty as the orebodies go deeper. As such, with the availability of a treatment facility, new ounces can be

given a much higher valuation than those in a predevelopment stand alone project.

We saw two diamond drill rigs operating on site. There will be seven or eight holes drilled from each drill pad. AWV plans to have 3,300m drilled by Christmas, by which time winter snow will force a shut down of the rigs until spring, when it will recommence.

AWV has budgeted for a \$5m drilling program with the belief that this could add another 250-500,000 oz to its resource base. Given that the all up costs for mining and treatment are estimated at US\$850/oz, there is potential to add an undiscounted value of US\$100-200m to AWV based on the cash generating ability, or more than twice the current share price.

#### Anova Metals - the bottom line

We know that the Jerritt Canyon roaster is operating at suboptimal capacity. It needs more feed. AWV is ideally suited to supply that feed. It is our belief that once the mine is operating (which will be in Q4 2016) and resources are expanding, the numbers will dictate that the owners of Jerritt Canyon will want to take out AWV. Any deal would need to be much closer to 30¢ to be entertained by AWV shareholders. This is still a takeover play but the stakes are getting much larger.

#### An observation on batteries

Whilst meeting with a USA company last week I was given some poignant advice. Many companies are claiming great advancement with battery components, mostly with regards to cathodes or anodes, but improvement in any one aspect of a battery is not very meaningful on its own. A battery comprises a sequence of parts; it is a system. Each part of that system needs to improve to end up with a much better battery, because the efficiency of the battery will be limited by its weakest link. It makes sense. Rather than be amazed by improvements in one part of the system, we need to ask how that will work with other components in the battery.

# "Would I lie to you?"

The Economist recently ran an article stating that it was now the expected norm that politicians will lie to us. We know they lie. They know they lie. So, the significance of lying cancels out and we move on. Accusing them of lying simply leads to the response of "so, whatever". This observation also helps to explain why we have elected so many minority party members to the Senate. It is the only way we can keep a check on the lying politicians, though this has the effect of weakening the government of the day. With Trump increasingly looking like he has a chance of

winning the Presidency of the United States, we can only

hope that his is lying, or joking, in some of the things he is saying. He is attention seeking while campaigning, but he will be excused for moderating somewhat if he gets into office and backs down on some of the extremism. I think we will all forgive him if he doesn't build a wall between the USA and Mexico.

The same can be said of stock promotion - about lying. The overriding objective of so many companies is to get the share price higher. That is the desire of the shareholders who are (short term) traders, as opposed to long term investors.

Where do you draw the line between extreme promotion and responsible representation? The extreme promoters who are reckless with the truth are the ones the traders flock towards. The rampers have a field day, brokers and traders alike. The "smart" operators decide to run with the wolves, believing they are clever enough to get out before the s#@t hits the fan, while the naive believe that the companies wouldn't tell lies because there are laws against doing so. They are the ones who will be hurt the most.

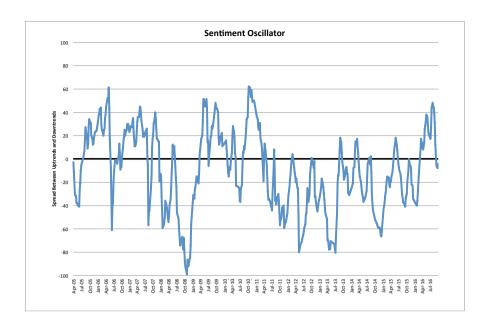
Investors come to me for advice on whether these stocks are worth buying. If I was a purist I would say no, but that sort of advice is somewhat evangelistic. It fails to recognise why the majority of people buy shares. Increasingly I advise these investors to feel free to buy topical stocks even though we know they are lying, but to make sure they sell out before it all collapses. The turnover of shares in these companies are really dominated by gamblers, counting on their ability to snatch and grab profits. It can be very profitable, but it is the domain of the wild wild west (apologies to those in Perth who may think this is directed at them, because they happen to be in the west. It happens in the east as well).

#### Lucapa finds 104 carat diamond, D quality

LOM announced the recovery of a 104 carat D-colour diamond last week, making it the fifth +100 carat diamond recovered from its Lulo alluvial project in Angola. This comes fast and hard after the recovery of a 38 carat fancy pink diamond. Each of this diamonds will be worth millions of dollars, adding sweetness to the bottom line. With a market capitalisation of \$124m, LOM has the potential to move into the range of \$500-\$1,000m, as more news on the hard rock source of these diamonds comes to market.

We have reinstated Crusader Resources (CAS) to our chart coverage. It has both low and high grade gold projects in Brazil that look promising. Atlas Iron has been deleted; time to move on.

**Sentiment Indicator:** The fall in sentiment is nearing completion. Both the Metals and Mining and the Energy Indices have just broken their short term downtrends. Significantly, both BHP and RIO look as if they want to move higher. However the All Ords has parked itself right on the resistance line, not having broken it yet. Last week there were 29% (29%) of the stocks in uptrend and 33% (37%) 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	rallied to hit resistance line	
Metals and Mining	XMM	breached support line	
Energy	XEJ	breached support line	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
ABM Resources	ABU	breaching downtrend	gold
Aeon Metals	AML	new high	copper + cobalt
Alacer Gold	AQG	stronger	gold – production
Alkane Resources	ALK	new high	gold, zirconia
Acacia Resources	AJC	Sideways at the bottom	coal
Aguia Resources	AGR	sideways	phosphate
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	up again	gold exploration
Altlech Chemicals	ATC	testing support line	industrial minerals
Anova Metals	AWV	new high	gold
Antipa Minerals	AZY	short term down	gold
Archer Exploration	AXE	downtrend	graphite
Argent Minerals	ARD	rallied to meet resistance line	polymetallic
Atrum Coal	ATU	new high	coal
Aurelia Metals	AMI	testing support line	gold + base metals
Auroch Minerals	AOU	rallied to meet resistance line	exploration
Aus Tin	ANW	breached uptrend	tin, cobalt
Australian Bauxite	ABX	turned down at resistance	bauxite
Australian Vanadium	AVL	downtrend	vanadium
Avanco Resources	AVB	sideways at lows	copper
AWE	AWE	heavily down	oil and gas
Azure Minerals	AZS	rallying	silver
BHP	BHP	up again	diversified
Base Resources	BSE	breached uptrend, but rallying	mineral sands
Beach Energy	BPT	long term downtrend in play	oil and gas
Beadell Resources	BDR	breaching downtrend	gold
Berkeley Resources	BKY	rallying	uranium
Blackham Resources	BLK	on support line	gold
Broken Hill Prospect.	BPL	lower	minerals sands, cobalt
Buru Energy	BRU	sideways	oil
Canyon Resources	CAY	down	bauxite

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Cardinal Resources	CDV	new high	gold exploration	
Carnegie Wave	CWE	downtrend	wave energy	
Cassini Resources	CZI	stronger	nickel/Cu expl.	
Chalice Gold	CHN	new high	gold	
Consolidated Zinc	CZL	sideways at lows	zinc	
Coventry Resources	CYY	ST down		
-			copper	
Crusader Resources	CAS	rallying	gold/iron ore	
Dacian Gold	DCN	pullback	gold exploration	
Danakali	DNK	breaching support	potash	
De Grey	DEG	sideways	gold	
Doray Minerals	DRM	down	gold	
Duketon Mining	DKM	breached support	nickel	
Eden Energy	EDE	rallying	carbon nanotubes in concrete	
Energia Minerals	EMX	down	zinc	
Evolution Mining	EVN	rallying from support line	gold	
Excelsior Gold	EXG	breaching downtrend	gold	
First Australian	FAR	sideways	oil/gas	
First Graphite	FGR	breached support line	graphite	
Fortescue Metals	FMG	new high	iron ore	
Galaxy Resources	GXY	heavy fall	lithium	
Galilee Energy	GLL	breached downtrend	oil and gas, CBM	
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	breaching support	gold	
Geopacific Res. Resources	GPR	correcting lower	copper/gold exp.	
Global Geoscience	GSC	heavy fall	lithium	
Gold Road	GOR	breached uptrend	gold exploration	
Goldphyre	GPH	short term down	potash,gold	
Graphex Mining	GPX	down	graphite	
Gryphon Minerals	GRY	new high on takeover bid	gold	
Herron Resources	HRR	at highs	zinc	
Highfield Resources	HFR	rallying	potash	
Highlands Pacific	HIG	sideways around lows	copper, nickel	
Hillgrove Resources	HGO	coming off high in a retracement	copper	
Hot Chilli				
Iluka Resources	HCH ILU	new low	copper mineral sands	
	IMA	rallying	mineral sands	
Image Resources Independence	IGO	down fallen to support line	gold, nickel	
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Intrepid Mines	IAU	sideways - 7¢ capital return proposed	copper	
Karoon Gas	KAR	sideways	gas	
Kibaran Resources	KNL	heading lower	graphite	
Kin Mining	KIN	breached short term correction	gold	
King Island Scheel.	KIS	new low	tungsten	
Kingsgate Consol.	KCN	suspension	gold	
Kingsrose Mining	KRM	rising off lows	gold	
Legend Mining	LEG	breach of gentle dwontrend	exploration	
Lithium Australia	LIT	downtrend	lithium	
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	rallying	diamonds	
Macphersons Res.	MRP	sideways	silver	
Manas Resources	MSR	rising	gold	
Medusa Mining	MML	breached ST downtrend	gold	
Metals of Africa	MTA	back to previous lows	zinc expl/graph.	
MetalsX	MLX	fallen to support line	tin, gold	
Metro Mining	MMI	correcting within uptrend	bauxite	
Mincor Resources	MCR	rallying	nickel	
Mineral Deposits	MDL	rallying out of breached	mineral sands	
Mustang Resources	MUS	breached downtrend	diamonds, rubies	
MZI Resources	MZI	breached uptrend	mineral sands	
Northern Minerals	NTU	fallen to support line	REE	
Northern Star Res.	NST	rallying	gold	
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Oceana Gold	OGC		heavy correction	gold
Oklo Resources	OKU		ST down	gold expl.
Orecorp	ORR		pullback	gold development
Orinoco Gold	OGX		down	gold development
Orocobre	ORE		down	lithium
Oz Minerals	OZL		testing uptrend	copper
Paladin Energy	PDN		new uptrend	uranium
Pacific American Coal	PAK		breached uptrend	coal, graphene
	PNR		·	, ,
Pantoro			surge to new high	gold
Panoramic Res	PAN		rising	nickel
Paringa Resources	PNL		sideways	coal
Peel Mining	PEX		gentle uptrend	copper
Peninsula Energy	PEN		falling again	uranium
Perseus Mining	PRU		breaching downtrend	gold
Pilbara Minerals	PLS		falling	lithium/tantalum
Potash West	PWN		falling	potash
Red River Resources	RVR		surge to new high	zinc
Regis Resources	RRL		new high	gold
Renaissance Min.	RNS		new high	gold
Resolute Mining	RSG		on support line	gold
Reward Minerals	RWD		strong rise	potash
Rex Minerals	RXM		back to lows	copper
RIO	RIO		breaching long term resistance	diversified
RTG Mining	RTG		correcting	copper/gold
Rum Jungle	RUM		sideways	quartz
Salt Lake Potash	SO4		steeply higher	potash
Saracen Minerals	SAR		breaching uptrend	gold
St Barbara	SBM		now in a correcting downtrend	gold
Sandfire Resources	SFR		stronger	copper
Santana Minerals	SMI		strong rise	silver
Santos	STO		heavy fall	oil/gas
Sheffield Resources	SFX		new high	mineral sands
Silver City Minerals	SCI		down	base metals
Silver Lake Resources	SLR		down	gold
Silver Mines	SVL		slump	silver
Sino Gas & Energy	SEH		sideways	gas
Southern Gold	SAU		uptrend continuing	gold
Sundance Energy	SEA		sideways	oil/gas
Syrah Resources	SYR		downtrend breached	graphite
Talga Resources	TLG		down	graphene
Tanami Gold	TAM		new high	gold
Tiger Resources	TGS TNG		back to lows	copper
TNG Resources			surge through resistance	titanium, vanadium
Torian Resources	TNR		breached uptrend	gold expl'n
Toro Energy	TOE		downtrend	uranium
Troy Resources	TRY		secondary downtrend	gold
Tyranna Resources	TYX		rallying	gold exploration
Vimy Resources	VMY		down	uranium
West African Resources	WAF		rallying	gold
Westwits	WWI		breached ST downtrend	gold exploration/development
Western Areas	WSA		rallied to meet resistance line	nickel
White Rock	WRM		down	silver
WPG Resources	WPG		improving following placement	gold
Wolf Minerals	WLF		continuing down	tungsten
Totals	29%	41	Uptrend	
	33%	47	Downtrend	
		141	Total	

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Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts						
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting				
Gold	37	26.2%				
Copper	14	9.9%				
Gold Exploration	11	7.8%				
Oil/Gas	9	6.4%				
Potash/Phosphate	7	5.0%				
Mineral Sands	7	5.0%				
Graphite	6	4.3%				
Zinc	6	4.3%				
Silver	6	4.3%				
Lithium	5	3.5%				
Nickel	5	3.5%				
Uranium	5	3.5%				
Coal	4	2.8%				
Tin	2	1.4%				
Bauxite	3	2.1%				
Iron Ore	1	0.7%				
Diamonds	2	1.4%				
Other	11					
Total	141					

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