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# Weekly Commentary

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## First Graphite opens its graphene production facility in WA

Please note that due to travel commitments the chart comments have not been updated this week.

## Impressive cobalt drill results from Northern Cobalt

A few weeks back (4/11/17) we brought Northern Cobalt (N27) to the attention of readers, as an interesting high grade cobalt company with a project in the NE of the Northern Territory. The geology is an unusual style being primarily cobalt, with small copper and gold assays. Last week it reported its first round of drill results, causing the share price to jump from 50¢ to a high of 78¢ on the day.

The first five holes from a 57 RC hole program at the Stanton orebody included excellent intercepts, such as 37m at 0.28% Co from a depth of 25m, with individual metre assays being as high as 2.13% Co, and 30m at 0.17% Co from 20m depth. These are very good results both in terms of widths and grade, and proximity to the surface.

Companies normally try to deliver good results early in a program because that is what the market wants. It is too early to say whether this has been the approach with Stanton, but as additional results come through over the next few weeks we should get a more complete picture. These results are actually within the ball park of what we expected, given the historical information, so they are not surprising.

We have seen many companies pick up whatever they can so as to hitch their flag to the cobalt mast. We have even seen companies change the priorities of reporting grades in cobalt first rather than copper, even where copper is more economically significant. Laterite nickel deposits have been called cobalt deposits. The market should start to enter a more discerning phase from this point where the cobalt pretenders get relegated to the back row. Companies like Northern Cobalt will more legitimately take the front row.

Disclosure: FEC holds shares in Northern Cobalt.

## Zimbabwe is back on the radar

At long last the despot has been removed and Zimbabwe can start to rebuilt itself. It was once one of the best countries in Africa for mining and exploration, but Robert Mugabe destroyed that reputation with a dictatorial and racist regime that had devastating consequences.

It is probably a little premature to say that it is once again a preferred destination as history tells us that when a strong man vacates the seat of power there is often a period of instability, as a power struggle between candidates ensues. Here Mr Mnangagwa, the Vice-President, has taken the reigns. Will he continue in the same vein as Mugabe or will he do things differently? Maybe he will be on his best

behaviour for the four months leading up to the the next election. We will be observing with interest.

### Offical Opening of FGR's graphene production facility

Last week FGR had the offical opening of its Henderson Graphene Production Facility, attended by distinguished guests and shareholders. We have reproduced the Chairman's address from Friday's AGM, as it makes some salient points with respect to the facility.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the AGM of First Graphite, soon to be renamed First Graphene Ltd.

I would like to say to you, as shareholders, some of the things I said to the audience yesterday at the Opening Ceremony for First Graphene's Henderson Production Facility. This Facility represents both the completion of one journey and the commencement of another.

The first journey commenced in May 2015, when Directors of MRL Ltd, as it was then called, approached me to see if I could arrange for the Sri Lankan vein graphite to be tested for graphene recovery using the electrochemical exfoliation method pioneered by Adelaide University. The tests were done and they confirmed that not only could graphene be recovered, but of the 50 or more types of graphite that Professor Dusan Losic and his team had tested, the vein graphite gave the best results.

First Graphene then commenced a program with Adelaide University to optimise the process for the Sri Lankan graphite, which led to a scale up from 2.5 litre vessels to the 250 litre Graphene Cell, 15 months later. Another 6-7 months of optimisation then resulted in plans to construct the facility which you see being opened today.

There are two very impressive aspects of this wonderfully innovative venture. The first is the very short time frame in which it has been achieved. The second is the very small expenditure that has been involved. Both are a credit to the resourcefulness of the FGR team, led by our CEO, Craig McGuckin.

Through careful management and sourcing of equipment for this production facility, management has been able to achieve excellent costs reductions. In many cases these saving have been up to 80%. Rather than accept off-theshelf quotes from German suppliers, Craig has engaged with manufacturers in China to design and procure equipment at significant savings. That is what good management does for a company. The net result will be a significant saving on the earlier forecast budget of \$1m.

No-one in Australia has been educated and trained to be a manufacturer of graphene. Everyone involved has had to learn on the job, and that learning curve has been very steep. It is a credit to Craig and his team that they were able to learn so quickly, leading to this milestone event. The fact that Craig has had to oversee the task of establishing underground mines in Sri Lanka at the same time makes the company's progress even more impressive.

So, the first journey has taken us to the starting gate for the next journey. Now that FGR has established the production capability, which is expected to be fully operational by the end of January, the next journey will be all about building the sales book. It is about taking the dozens of enquiries that we have received through to firm purchase orders.

To date there has been a chicken and egg debate. Which should come first, the production facility or the sales book? We all know of the enormous potential for graphene, but one of the biggest obstacles to commercialisation has been the availability of supply. Companies like Tesla would love to embrace graphene more fully, but as they said to us a year ago, "we can't get enough supply to warrant us turning our minds to it". Well, that was before we built this facility. Industry will now be able to commit resources to developing commercial applications, taking the the science from the laboratories onto the factory floor. It is all about scaling up from here.

The significance of this facility can not be overstated. It is an example of the innovative drive that the Federal Government has been promoting. It is happening right here in WA, not in Germany or China or the USA. With this facility WA will be a world leader in terms of capacity and quality, and it will be the lowest cost producer of graphene. What a great starting point!

FGR is wonderfully positioned at the inflection point of an amazing new growth curve with the demand for graphene expected to grow at 60% pa. We offer our shareholders opportunity and optionality. We offer the lowest risk entry point into the graphene business. We are developing IP and working with universities and industry to commercialise and expand the graphene market.

Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the future of nanomaterials".

Disclosure: The author is chairman of First Graphite Ltd and interests associated with the author hold a sizeable number of shares in FGR. FEC has received capital raising fees from FGR.

**Sentiment Indicator:** This <u>has not</u> been updated There were 49% (46%) of the charts in uptrend and 19% (25%) in downtrend on Friday's close.

Detailed Chart Co	mments		
NB. Only the bold commen	ts have been upda	ted. Comments in grey type are from previous week	s and will be less relevant.
Indices	Code	Trend Comment	
All Ordinaries	XAO	pullback	
Metals and Mining	XMM	into a steeper uptrend now	
Energy	XEJ	new high	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
ABM Resources	ABU	breached trend line	gold
Aeon Metals	AML	back to highs	copper + cobalt
Alacer Gold	AQG	testing uptrend	gold – production
Alkane Resources	ALK	breached steepest downtrend	gold, zirconia
Acacia Resources	AJC	Sideways at the bottom	coal
Aguia Resources	AGR	back in downtrend	phosphate
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	testing downtrend	gold exploration
Allegiance Coal	AHQ	testing downtrend	coal
Alliance Resources	AGS	sideways	gold exploration
Alltech Chemicals	ATC	stronger	industrial minerals
Anova Metals	AWV	falling again	gold
Antipa Minerals	AZY	sideways	gold
Apollo Consolidated	AOP	new high	gold exploration
Archer Exploration	AXE	strongly higher	magnesite, graphite
Argent Minerals	ARD	testing downtrend	polymetallic
Artemis Resources	ARV	Uptrend	gold, nickel
Aspire Mining	AKM	new low	coal
Aurelia Metals	AMI	upside breakout	gold + base metals

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Auroch Minerals	AOU	continuing higher	exploration	
Aus Tin	ANW	sideways	tin, cobalt	
Australian Bauxite	ABX	breached uptrend	bauxite	
Australian Potash	APC	slump back into downtrend	potash	
Australian Mines	AUZ	working around highs	cobalt/nickel	
Australian Vanadium	AVL	stronger	vanadium	
Avanco Resources	AVB	sideways	copper	
AWE	AWE	stronger	oil and gas	
Azure Minerals	AZS	strong rise	silver	
BHP	BHP	stronger	diversified	
Base Resources	BSE	rallying	mineral sands	
Bathurst Resources	BRL	heading down	coal	
Battery Minerals	BAT	testing downtrend	graphite	
BBX Minerals	BBX	suspended	gold	
Beach Energy	BPT	rising	oil and gas	
Beadell Resources	BDR	around lows again	gold	
Berkeley Resources	BKY	spike on Cameco suspensions	uranium	
Berkut Minerals	BMT	spiked to new high	cobalt	
Blackham Resources	BLK	crunched down again	gold	
Blackstone Minerals	BSX	,	gold, cobalt	
Broken Hill Prospect.	BPL	steep rise strongly higher	minerals sands, cobalt	
Buru Energy	BRU	strongly higher	oil	
Canyon Resources	CAY	correcting of recent high	bauxite	
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Cardinal Resources	CDV	testing uptrend	gold exploration	
Cassini Resources	CZI	rising	nickel/Cu expl.	
Chalice Gold	CHN	surge	gold	
Cobalt One	CO1	back in downtrend	cobalt	
Cobalt Blue	COB	spiked higher	cobalt	
Comet Resources	CRL	pushing higher	graphite/graphene	
Consolidated Zinc	CZL	downtrend being tested	zinc	
Corizon Mining	CZN	down	cobalt	
Crusader Resources	CAS	new low	gold/iron ore	
Dacian Gold	DCN	rising again	gold exploration	
Danakali	DNK	bounced off support line	potash	
Doray Minerals	DRM	back in downtrend	gold	
Draig Resources	DRG	new high	gold	
Eden Innovations	EDE	new low	carbon nanotubes in concrete	
Emerald Resource	EMR	sideways	gold	
Energia Minerals	EMX	weak	zinc	
Evolution Mining	EVN	gently stronger	gold	
Excelsior Gold	EXG	new high	gold	
Finders Resources	FND	stronger	copper	
First Australian	FAR	testing uptrend	oil/gas	
First Graphite	FGR	strong breach of downtrend	graphite	
Fortescue Metals	FMG	testing longer term uptrend	iron ore	
Galaxy Resources	GXY	steeply higher	lithium	
Galilee Energy	GLL	surge out of downtrend	oil and gas, CBM	
Gascoyne Resources	GCY	testing steeper downtrend	gold	
Global Geoscience	GSC	new high	lithium	
Gold Road	GOR	uptrend continuing	gold exploration	
Graphex Mining	GPX	new uptrend	graphite	
Heron Resources	HRR	testing downtrend	zinc	
Highfield Resources	HFR	breached downtrend, but slipping again	potash	
Highlands Pacific	HIG	correcting from recent high	copper, nickel	

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Hillgrove Resources	HGO	sideways	copper
Iluka Resources	ILU	surged higher	mineral sands
Image Resources	IMA	spiked higher	mineral sands
Independence	IGO	stronger	gold, nickel
Intrepid Mines	IAU	sideways	copper
Karoon Gas	KAR	spiked higher	gas
Kibaran Resources	KNL	breached downtrend	graphite
Kin Mining	KIN	rallying	gold
Legend Mining	LEG	rising	exploration
Lepidico	LPD	another steep rise	lithium
Lithium Australia	LIT	rising again	lithium
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	back to lows	diamonds
Macphersons Res.	MRP	downtrend	silver
Marmota	MEU	sideways	gold exploration
MetalsX	MLX	spiked higher	tin, nickel
Metro Mining	ММІ	stronger	bauxite
Mincor Resources	MCR	spiked higher	nickel
Mineral Deposits	MDL	on support line	mineral sands
Mustang Resources	MUS	collapse	diamonds, rubies
Myanmar Minerals	MYL	rising on re-listing	zinc
MZI Resources	MZI	testing downtrend	mineral sands
Northern Cobalt	N27	strong rise	cobalt
Northern Minerals	NTU	testing downtrend	REE
Northern Star Res.	NST		
NTM Gold	NTM	rising again uptrend forming	gold
	OGC		gold
Oceana Gold Oklo Resources	OKU	down after steep fall heavy correction	gold
		•	gold expl.
Orecorp	ORR	risen off lows	gold development
Orinoco Gold	OGX	collapse on 1 for 2 issue	gold development
Orocobre	ORE	stronger	lithium
Oz Minerals	OZL	bounced off support line	copper
Pacific American Coal	PAK	good bounce to meet resistance line	coal, graphene
Pantoro	PNR	breached uptrend	gold
Panoramic Res	PAN	surge through downtrend	nickel
Peel Mining	PEX	another spike on big zinc hit	copper
Peninsula Energy	PEN	testing downtrend	uranium
Perseus Mining	PRU	breaching uptrend	gold
Pilbara Minerals	PLS	steeply higher	lithium/tantalum
PNX Metals	PNX	sideways	gold, silver, zinc
Red River Resources	RVR	holding longer term uptrend	zinc
Regis Resources	RRL	near highs again	gold
Resolute Mining	RSG	sideways	gold
RIO	RIO	rising	diversified
Salt Lake Potash	SO4	new uptrend started	potash
Saracen Minerals	SAR	holding long term uptrend	gold
St Barbara	SBM	sideways at highs	gold
Sandfire Resources	SFR	breaching downtrend	copper
Santana Minerals	SMI	short term down	silver
Santos	STO	steeply higher	oil/gas
Sheffield Resources	SFX	correcting after issue	mineral sands
Silver Lake Resources	SLR	heavy fall	gold
Silver Mines	SVL	down again	silver
Sino Gas & Energy	SEH	breached steepest downtrend	gas
Southern Gold	SAU	gentle LT uptrend	gold

Stanmore Coal	SMR		by a abing long town august	coal
			breaching long term support	
Sundance Energy	SEA		new uptrend started	oil/gas
Syrah Resources	SYR		stronger	graphite
Talga Resources	TLG		downtrend	graphene
Tanami Gold	TAM		down	gold
Tempo Australia	TPP		sideways to higher	mining services
Tiger Realm	TIG		spiked higher	coal
Torian Resources	TNR		new low	gold expl'n
Triton Minerals	TON		uptrend	graphite
Troy Resources	TRY		back in downtrend	gold
Tyranna Resources	TYX		spiked higher	gold exploration
Vango Mining	VAN		down	gold
Vimy Resources	VMY		testing downtrend	uranium
West African Resources	WAF		correcting	gold
Westwits	WWI		new uptrend on Pilbara deal	gold exploration/development
Western Areas	WSA		new uptrend	nickel
White Rock Minerals	WRM		sideways	silver
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		gently higher	coal
WPG Resources	WPG		sideways at bottom of steep fall	gold
Wolf Minerals	WLF		testing downtrend	tungsten
Totals	49%	71	Uptrend	
	19%	28	Downtrend	
		145	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.
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Weightings of Sector	rs Represente	d in the Comp	any Charts
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting	
Gold	32	22.1%	
Gold Exploration	16	11.0%	
Copper	11	7.6%	
Coal	9	6.2%	
Oil/Gas	9	6.2%	
Mineral Sands	7	4.8%	
Graphite	8	5.5%	

Weightings of Secto	Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts			
Zinc	7	4.8%		
Silver	6	4.1%		
Lithium	6	4.1%		
Nickel	4	2.8%		
Potash/Phosphate	5	3.4%		
Cobalt	6	4.1%		
Uranium	3	2.1%		
Bauxite	3	2.1%		
Tin	2	1.4%		
Diamonds	2	1.4%		
Iron Ore	1	0.7%		
Other	8			
Total	145			

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