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# Weekly Commentary

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Chart comments on Friday's close

# Buyers are not back in the market yet, so it continues to fall

#### Accumulating stock in quiet times

The observation that the markets have receded into a very quiet mode is a reminder that sentiment in the market comes and goes. It behoves the market to be able to hold on to one theme for an extended period of time.

For those companies operating in the real world, requiring periodic financing from equity markets, it may be difficult to understand why investors will be all over them in, say July, but then be totally disinterested only a couple of months later. Real world business conditions may be consistent but investor sentiment will fluctuate dramatically. Investing in the market today, and taking new equity, may be an act of charity when there is no FOMO. Then again, it may well be the smart time to buy - when there is little or no competition from other buyers.

The reality of the market is that most buyers only want something that someone else wants. They lack the fortitude to be able to pick a price level at which probability analysis suggests they should be bought. Similarly, they are reluctant to sell when there is enthusiasm in the markets. It is always a challenge to isolate one's thoughts from the herd mentality, but that is a necessary skill if you want to be a consistent winner in the market. You will have heard this advice many times before, but how often do you act on it?

# Iron ore improving along with coal outlook

The most notable news during the week has been the improving iron ore price, assisting the share price of Fortescue in particular. Add to this the better coal prices and you will see that it is just part of the world turning. Nothing stays down forever. While the traders are always wanting guick returns, longer term investors with patience on their side will eventually get it right.

## Recognising reality in the graphite market ...

During the week I took a meeting with Archer Exploration (AXE), a company with the Campoona graphite project in South Australia. Not unlike a number of graphite companies in the market, its concentrates have been shown to be suitable for lithium batteries. It is also possible to make graphene out of the concentrates. So, what is special about this graphite company? Well, that is the point. There is nothing unique. It is one of many potential graphite producers. It was refreshing to see that the Company acknowledges this. It didn't try and over promote the merits of Campoona, but instead it described it as a sound project (a view supported by the results of a recent scoping study released by Archer) that needed to be placed in perspective with the rest of the graphite sector.

### ... leads to the focus on a magnesite project

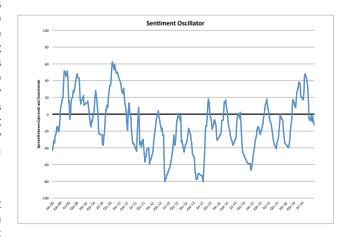
Recognising this. Archer was more concerned about promoting the Leigh Creek magnesite project, also in South Australia. It has been a while since anyone has tried to talk about a magnesite project in Australia, as there have been quite a few disasters over the last 20 years. At one point it was all about magnesium metal and light weight car components, but the entire subject has been off limits for quite some time.

However, Archer believes it has a much lower risk business plan based on the availability of existing spare kiln capacity in South Australia. It isn't going to concern itself with high capex for metal production. Rather, it is looking at producing a much easier dead burn magnesia and caustic calcine magnesia by toll treating its ore through third party kilns. It needs to conduct some preliminary test work first and then undertake a \$1.5-2m program of pilot treatment work, with the end game being a low capex route to a commercial industrial products business. An important person in the mix will be Paul Rix, who has had 12 years of magnesia marketing experience (ex QMag).

Apart from that my ears pricked up when they mentioned the Cobalt Bull JV, which leaves them with a 25% interest in a JV covering ground prospective for cobalt, copper and gold. If the name is reflective of the commodity i.e. cobalt, there may be a story here.

I need to go back through my memory banks and files to get myself back up to speed on magnesite, but this may be an interesting emerging story with merit. The market capitalisation is a modest \$7m and the shares are drifting in a downtrend, but how many people are aware of the change in focus?

As I added a few coal stocks to the coverage last week, I have swept out a few stocks that don't seem to be worth following just now; King Island Scheelite, Kingsrose Mining, Renaissance Minerals (taken over), Rum Jungle and Silver City.



**Sentiment Indicator:** Sentiment continued to weaken as the number of stocks in downtrends increased. This week there were 31% (30%) of the charts in uptrend and 44% (39%) 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		testing uptrend			
Metals and Mining	XMM		rising again			
Energy	XEJ		strongly higher			
Stocks	Code		Trend Comment (updated comments in bold) Main Interest			
ABM Resources	ABU		holding longer term contract	gold		
Aeon Metals	AML		ST downtrend	copper + cobalt		
Alacer Gold	AQG		correcting lower	gold – production		
Alkane Resources	ALK		new high	gold, zirconia		
Acacia Resources	AJC		Sideways at the bottom	coal		
Aguia Resources	AGR		down again	phosphate		
Alicanto Minerals	AQI		heavy correction	gold exploration		
Altlech Chemicals	ATC		down	industrial minerals		
Anova Metals	AWV		new high	gold		
Antipa Minerals	AZY		· ·			
Archer Exploration	AXE		testing downtrend gold			
Argent Minerals	ARD		downtrend magnesite, graphite polymetallic			
Aspire Mining	AKM		testing downtrend polymetallic uptrend reversed coal			
Atrum Coal	ATU		heavy pullback	coal		
Aurelia Metals	AMI		testing downtrend			
Auroch Minerals	AOU		rallied to meet resistance line	gold + base metals exploration		
Aus Tin  Australian Bauxite	ANW		breached uptrend	tin, cobalt bauxite		
			turned down at resistance			
Australian Vanadium	AVL		downtrend	vanadium		
Avanco Resources	AVB		hitting resistance line	copper		
AWE	AWE		down again	oil and gas		
Azure Minerals	AZS		hitting resistance line	silver		
BHP	BHP		strongly higher	diversified		
Base Resources	BSE		sideways to higher	mineral sands		
Bathurst Resources	BRL		strongly higher	coal		
Beach Energy	BPT		steeply rise	oil and gas		
Beadell Resources	BDR		higher gold			
Berkeley Resources	BKY		new high uranium			
Blackham Resources	BLK		breached support line	gold		
Broken Hill Prospect.	BPL		breaching downtrend	minerals sands, cobalt		
Buru Energy	BRU		testing downtrend	oil		
Canyon Resources	CAY		down	bauxite		
Cardinal Resources	CDV		new high	gold exploration		
Carnegie Wave	CWE		stronger	wave energy		
Cassini Resources	CZI		continuing higher	nickel/Cu expl.		
Chalice Gold	CHN		new high gold			
Crusader Resources	CAS		new low gold/iron ore			
Dacian Gold	DCN		testing uptrend	gold exploration		
Danakali	DNK		breaching support potash			
De Grey	DEG		sideways	gold		
Doray Minerals	DRM		down	gold		

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Duketon Mining	DKM	rallying	nickel
Eden Energy	EDE	falling again	carbon nanotubes in concrete
Energia Minerals	EMX	down	zinc
Evolution Mining	EVN	down heavily	gold
Excelsior Gold	EXG	collapse	gold
Finders Resources	FND	strong uptrend	copper
First Australian	FAR	sideways	oil/gas
First Graphite	FGR	testing ST resistance 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	down	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	breached downtrend	graphite
Herron Resources	HRR	breached uptrend	zinc
Highfield Resources	HFR	rallying	potash
_	HIG		
Highlands Pacific		sideways around lows	copper, nickel
Hillgrove Resources  Hot Chilli	HGO HCH	ST down	copper
		testing downtrend	copper
Iluka Resources	ILU	falling	mineral sands
Image Resources	IMA	down	mineral sands
Independence	IGO	rallying	gold, nickel
Intrepid Mines	IAU	sideways - 7¢ capital return proposed	copper
Karoon Gas	KAR	rise from lows	gas
Kibaran Resources	KNL	breached support line	graphite
Kin Mining	KIN	higher	gold
Legend Mining	LEG	breach of gentle dwontrend	exploration
Lithium Australia	LIT	downtrend	lithium
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	recapturing uptrend	diamonds
Macphersons Res.	MRP	sideways	silver
Manas Resources	MSR	rising	gold
Medusa Mining	MML	still in long term downtrend	gold
Metals of Africa	MTA	vertical rise	graphite
MetalsX	MLX	breached support line	tin, gold
Metro Mining	MMI	correcting within uptrend	bauxite
Mincor Resources	MCR	fallen to support line	nickel
Mineral Deposits	MDL	downtrend	mineral sands
Mustang Resources	MUS	at lows	diamonds, rubies
MZI Resources	MZI	still in downtrend	mineral sands
Northern Minerals	NTU	rising	REE
Northern Star Res.	NST	selldown	gold
Oceana Gold	ogc	down	gold
Oklo Resources	OKU	breached downtrend	gold expl.
Orecorp	ORR	on support line	gold development
Orinoco Gold	OGX	down	gold development
Orocobre	ORE	down	lithium
Oz Minerals	OZL	testing uptrend	copper
Paladin Energy	PDN	down again	uranium
Pacific American Coal	PAK	downtrend	coal, graphene
Pantoro	PNR	breached steepest uptrend	gold
Panoramic Res	PAN	rising	nickel
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Paringa Resources	PNL		strong recovery	coal
Peel Mining	PEX		gentle uptrend	copper
Peninsula Energy	PEN		falling again	uranium
Perseus Mining	PRU		stronger	gold
Pilbara Minerals	PLS		falling	lithium/tantalum
PNX Metals	PNX		strong surge	gold, silver, zinc
Potash West	PWN		falling	potash
Red River Resources	RVR		surge to new high	zinc
Regis Resources	RRL		testing uptrend	gold
Resolute Mining	RSG		breached support line	gold
Reward Minerals	RWD		strong rise	potash
Rex Minerals	RXM		back to lows	copper
RIO	RIO		still strong	diversified
RTG Mining	RTG		breached support line	copper/gold
Rum Jungle	RUM		sideways	quartz
Salt Lake Potash	SO4		steeply higher	potash
Saracen Minerals	SAR		down	gold
St Barbara	SBM		down	gold
Sandfire Resources	SFR		stronger	copper
Santana Minerals	SMI		down	silver
Santos	STO	bouncing		oil/gas
Sheffield Resources	SFX		down	mineral sands
Silver Lake Resources	SLR		breached downtrend	gold
Silver Mines	SVL		down	silver
Sino Gas & Energy	SEH		sideways to down	gas
Southern Gold	SAU			gold
Stanmore Coal	SMR		steeply higher	coal
Sundance Energy	SEA		new uptrend confirmed	oil/gas
Syrah Resources	SYR		heavy fall	graphite
Talga Resources	TLG		sideways	graphene
Tanami Gold	TAM		new high	gold
Teranga Gold	TGZ		testing uptrend	gold
Tiger Realm	TIG		surging higher	coal
Tiger Resources	TGS		back to lows	copper
TNG Resources	TNG		surge through resistance	titanium, vanadium
Torian Resources	TNR		down	gold expl'n
Toro Energy	TOE		downtrend	uranium
Troy Resources	TRY		secondary downtrend	gold
Tyranna Resources	TYX		pullback	gold exploration
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Vimy Resources	VMY		down	uranium
West African Resources Westwits	WAF		rallying breached ST downtrend	gold
	WWI			gold exploration/development
Western Areas	WSA		breached support	nickel
White Rock	WRM		down	silver
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		new high	coal
WPG Resources	WPG		improving following placement	gold
Wolf Minerals	WLF		continuing down	tungsten
Totals	31%	44	Uptrend	
	44%	62	Downtrend	
		141	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
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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.

Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts						
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting				
Gold	34	24.1%				
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	5	3.5%				
Silver	6	4.3%				
Lithium	5	3.5%				
Nickel	5	3.5%				
Uranium	5	3.5%				
Coal	10	7.1%				
Tin	2	1.4%				
Bauxite	3	2.1%				
Iron Ore	1	0.7%				
Diamonds	2	1.4%				
Other	9					
Total	141					

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