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Weekly Commentary

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Chart comments as at Friday's close

Celsius buoyed by huge intercept of 611m at 1.39% Cu plus 0.75 gpt Au

US slowdown encourages share price rises

First, US markets embraced the 0.75% interest rate rise last week with the Dow Jones rising 1.37% on the day. Perhaps it is because investors see the need to curb inflation, but maybe it was because some people feared that the rise was going to be 1%.

Next, we had the news of a second consecutive reduction in quarterly growth that technically ushers in a recession, but the negative element was modest enough (0.9% for the June quarter) for President Biden to reject the notion. He quoted the very low unemployment rates in his denial. However, this observation points out an anomaly in the veracity of the unemployment statistics. What has been the impact of Covid on workers and how the labour pool is calculated? There are some grey areas here that make the figure less comparable with those of the past, as with many other statistics that have been quoted recently.

So we have had two news events last week that on any other day might have caused share prices to go down; higher interest rates and recessions. I suppose we can attribute this reaction to the market looking ahead to see what is over the horizon. Investors are allowing themselves to be more optimistic than they were three months ago. Again, markets move on expectation and emotion, often more so than on actual news.

We have had the market collapse in recents months due to the fear of interest rate rises and inflation, so the selling has already happened. We are now seeing bargain hunting that is lifting stocks off their lows. Steep downtrends are being broken and there are green shoots of optimism suggesting that we have seen the worst. Whether or not this is sustainable depends on how much money comes back into the market, but it is looking decidedly more positive for the time being.

There has been a rush to raise money

It is amazing how many companies have been going to the market in the last week or two with placements. It is almost as if their timing could not be worse (for the companies, but not for those who take up the placements), particularly if this turns out to be the bottom of the market.

We have recently come out of the most productive two year period of capital raising that we have seen for more than 40 years. There has been a proliferation of repeated issues with some companies going back to the market for up to three deals in 12 months. The appetite has been voracious to the benefit of the broking sector that has been able to capitalise on the FOMO, but many of the momentum players are still out of the market for the time being as they lick their wounds.

Money can still be raised but it is more difficult. It requires better value propositions and the buyers need to have more patience as the ability to trade out quickly is not going to be there. Yet, it is a buyers market in which there can be great bargains. Fortune favours the brave.

Digger and Dealers next week

Next week will see the biggest mining event of the year taking place; Diggers and Dealers, in Kalgoorlie. While there are plenty of conferences around the country throughout the year, Diggers and Dealers is the premier gathering. Investors fly in from all around the world - at least they did before Covid. It will be interesting to see how many turn up this year.

July is frequently a slow month due to a combination of factors that include the new financial year, school holidays and the extension of the "sell in May and go away" syndrome. It is often a month of reflection. When August comes along with the enthusiasm that usually pervades Diggers, there can be a boost to enthusiasm for the junior stocks. Everyone will have a story to tell.

Celsius is upgrading its expectations with higher copper and gold grades

We have mentioned Celsius a few times over the last 18 months, viewing it as one of the least appreciated of the large copper porphyry exploration/development stocks. The market seemed more interested in the earlier stage, higher risk explorers in Colombia and Ecuador, such as Los Cerros and Sunstone Metals, notwithstanding these being at least a year or two further away from development than Celsius's MCB Project in the Philippines.

The recent infill drilling program is providing evidence of a higher grade zone that could materially boost grade and profitability in the first 10 years of an operation. Hole 38, with an intercept of 611m at 1.39% Cu and 0.75 gpt Au, has been instrumental in forming this perception.

Moved into the Philippines in late 2020.

In late 2020, Celsius Resources (CLA) announced a deal to purchase the Maalinao-Caigutan-Biyog Copper Gold Project (MCB) in the Philippines, 320 km north of Manila. This involved Celsius paying 100 million shares (worth about \$4m at the time), with another 100 million shares payable as deferred consideration in the event of entering into a FTAA Financial and Technical Assistance Agreement with the Philippine Government and the completion of a positive DFS. Further, Celsius assumed the rights and obligation of Anleck in relation to the purchase of Makilala Holding Ltd (previously owned by Freeport). This involves the payment of US\$3m in cash over time, and a 1% royalty capped at US\$3m.

Maiden resource of 313 Mt with higher grade core

A few months later, in January 2021, Celcius reported a maiden Indicated and Inferred Resource of 313.8 Mt at 0.48% Cu and 0.15 gpt Au at MCB, with 92% of this being in the Indicated category. The high grade core comprises 93.7 Mt at 0.8% Cu and 0.28 gpt gold. At that time the market capitalisation was around \$40m.

Scoping Study was strongly positive

Late in 2021, Celsius released a positive Scoping Study for the MCB. The 25 year mine life was based on the high grade portion, being 49 Mt at 0.85% Cu and 0.41 gpt gold, all in the Indicated category. Metalurgical recoveries were 94% for copper and 74% for gold. Sub-level open stoping with paste backfill was the selected mining method for the study. The C1 cash cost for the first 10 years was US\$0.73/lb and the LOM average was US\$1.29/lb. The initial capex of US\$253m had a payback period of 2.67 years. Noteably, only 16% of the total resource was used for the Scoping Study.

CLA has benchmarked the project against other operations in the Philippines that employ block cave mining, saying that a 5-10 Mtpa underground operation could be mined for US\$7-10 pt and processed for US\$4-7 pt. Economies of scale come into play. The capital cost may be high relative to the market capitalisation of Celsius, but in reality it is rather modest for this type of development.

Most recent update - spectacular drill intercepts

Celsius has been drilling in 2022, to increase confidence levels in the resource. In July, it released results from Hole 38, being a spectacular 611m at 1.39% copper and 0.75 gpt gold from a depth of 32.5m. The significance of this hole was not so much the length (because it was drilled down-dip), but the high grade nature of the near surface mineralisation. Shallow intervals included 122m at 0.92% Cu and 0.24 gpt gold from 26m and 13m at 3.69% Cu and 0.39% Au from 89m.

It looks like the first 10 years of the mill feed could come from +1% CuEq ore, which would significantly improve the already attractive economics. We will have more colour in this with the release of an updated JORC resource in September, that will enable the commencement of a DFS.

Copper/cobalt project in Namibia

We haven't emphasised the Opuwo copper/cobalt project in Namibia as it was the the focus of previous management, but we shouldn't forget the 225 Mt resource at 0.12% Co, 0.43% Cu and 0.54% Zn. Geologically it is interesting, being 95% fresh sulphide ore and 80% of the Indicated ore (45 Mt) is open pittable. Metallurgical test work is continuing to develop a suitable processing route.

Previous test work focused on a floatation circuit for the production of a concentrates but hydrometallurgical processes are now being considered. At some point this project may be spun-out, joint ventured or disposed of as it is now of secondary importance.

The Bottom Line

The more speculative discovery phase of the MCB Project is transforming into the feasibility and development phases. There is every chance that MCB will develop into a low cost (<\$1.00/lb) long life, world class porphyry copper/gold mine i.e. > 25 years. It certainly has an attractive resource base

and management has a long history of successful mining operations in the Philippines. The political climate in the Philippines has improved with the new President. The Philippines Mines and Geosciences Bureau has awarded the project priority status to fast-track development approvals.

The share price has been heavily discounted in the market notwithstanding the material advancements since acquiring the project in late 2020. At the moment the price bears no resemblance to the potential value, meaning there should only be upside from here. The leverage to a higher copper price is considerable, for those who like the EV metals thematic.

The Philippines has been the land of great porphyrys

Not many investors are aware of it, but the Philippines has a long history of hosting very large, low-grade copper/gold porphyry orebodies. A recent example is the Dizon mine in western Central Luzon, which commenced mining in 1979. The 140 Mt orebody averages 0.43% Cu and 0.09 gpt gold. Elsewhere, the Boyongan deposit comprises a resource of 219 Mt at 0.51% Cu and 0.74 gpt gold.

Another example is Atlas Consolidated Mining, the operator of the open pit Toledo Copper Mine in Cebu, 570 km south of Manila. Its two mines have combined resources of 863 Mt at 0.34% Cu with JORC resources of 442 Mt at 0.34% Cu. The treatment capacity is about 18.5 Mtpa. It is noteworthy that the current Chairman of Celsius, Martin Buckingham, was instrumental in bringing this mine back into production.

Stop Press: \$2m placement happening now

The shares went into a trading halt yesterday while the Company raised \$2m at a price of 1.3ϕ , with attaching options on the basis 1 for 2, at an exercise price of 4ϕ . If you qualify as a s.708 investor and you want to participate, contact FEC and we will try and get you some stock.

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All systems go at West Wits but the share price is lagging

After persevering for many years, West Wits was eventually granted the right to mine its multi-million ounce Witswatersrand Gold Project in South Africa (WWI 74%). If you read the latest quarterly you will see that there has been a hive of activity as pre-production works have been undertaken on the underground mining positions, with some ore already being delivered to the stockpile.

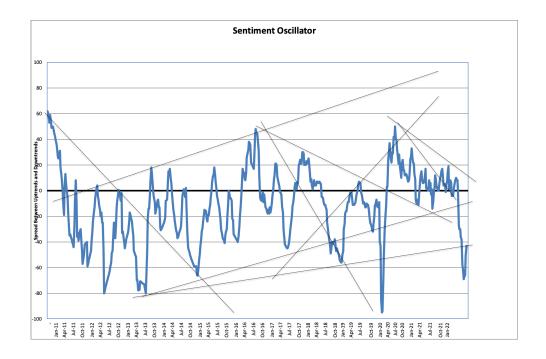
It was interesting to see how speculators were aggressively buying the stock at 8-10¢ in anticipation that the granting of the mining right was imminent, only to look elsewhere once it became a reality. The current 2¢ share price is ridiculous as it completely ignores the earnings potential of the operation. Yes, it takes time and money to optimise the production profile, but there is minimal technical risk in this project. Add the uranium deposits on the same licences and you can see the \$37m market capitalisation bears no reflection to the fundamental value of the company. There

Detailed Chart Comments

will be a massive re-rating at some point that could easily see the shares back up to the 10ϕ level. After all, the 4.28 mill oz resource (74% WWI), with the benefit of all of the available infrastructure and toll treating facilities, would have to be worth at least US\$50/oz i.e. A\$225m or 12ϕ a share. From another angle, WWI is a sitting duck for a takeover bid at these prices.

We have added Black Cat (BC8) to our chart coverage

Disclosure: Interests associated with the author own shares in WWI, and FEC has receives capital raising fees in the past. .



Sentiment Oscillator: The broad recovery continued over the last week with a number of stock penetrating resistance lines. There were 12% (8%) of the charts in uptrend and 55% (59%) in downtrend on Friday's close.

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	breached downtrend	
Metals and Mining	XMM	breached steepest downtrend	
Energy	XEJ	testing support line	
Information Technology	XIJ	rallying, but about to meet resistance line	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
A-Cap Energy	ACB	breached downtrend	uranium
Alpha HPA	A4N	downtrend	HPA
Adriatic Resources	ADT	bouncing off lows	zinc, polymetallic
Advance Metals (was Pacific American)	AVM	down	coal, gold exploration
Alkane Resources	ALK	recovering from lows	gold
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	testing downtrend	base metals, silver, gold

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Altech Chemical	ATC	bouncing off lows	HPA, anodes
Anteotech	ADO	new low	silicon anodes, biotech
Alto Metals	AME	testing uptrend	gold exploration
American Rare Earths	ARR	meeting resistance line	rare earths
Antilles Gold	AAU	still down	gold
Arafura Resources	ARU	still in uptrend	rare earths
Ardea Resources	ARL	back in uptrend	nickel
Aurelia Metals	AMI	new low	gold + base metals
Australian Potash	APC	new low	potash
Australian Rare Earths	AR3	rallying, but about to meet resistance line	rare earths
Auteco Minerals	AUT	recovering	gold exploration
Arizona Lithium	AZL	new low	lithium
Azure Minerals	AZS	new low	nickel exploration
BHP	ВНР	breached steepest downtrend	diversified, iron ore
Beach Energy	BPT	new uptrend confirmed	oil and gas
Bellevue Gold	BGL	testing downtrend	gold exploration
Benz Mining	BNZ	new low	gold
Black Cat Syndicate	BC8	breached downtrend	gold
Blue Star Helium	BNL	sideways through downtrend	gas, helium
BMG Resources	BMG	down	gold exploration
Boab Metals	BML	breached steepest downtrend	silver/lead
Breaker Resources	BRB	breached support	gold exploration
Buru Energy	BRU	sideways	oil
Calidus Resources	CAI	bouncing off lows	gold
Capricorn Metals	СММ	recovering	gold
Caravel Minerals	CVV	new low	copper
Castile Resources	CST	testing downtrend	gold/copper/cobalt
Celsius Resources	CLA	new low	copper
Chalice Mining	CHN	down	nickel, copper, PGMs, gold exploration
Chesser Resources	CHZ	new low	gold exploration
Cobalt Blue	СОВ	testing downtrend	cobalt
Cyprium Metals	СҮМ	new low	copper
De Grey	DEG	risen to meet resistance line	gold
E2 Metals	E2M	testing steepest downtrend	gold exploration
Ecograf	EGR	at lows	graphite
Element 25	E25	rallying, but meeting resistance line	manganese
Emerald Resources	EMR	trying to recapture uptrend	gold
Empire Energy	EEG	sideways through downtrend	gas
Euro Manganese	EMN	testing downtrend	manganese
Evolution Mining	EVN	bouncing off lows	gold
Firefinch	FFX	suspended	gold
First Graphene	FGR	breached downtrend	graphene
Fortescue Metals	FMG	bound off lows	iron ore
FYI Resources	FYI	sideways through downtrend	HPA

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Galena Mining	G1A	new low	lead
Galilee Energy	GLL	testing trendline	oil and gas, CBM
Genesis Minerals	GMD	down	gold
Genmin	GEN	sideways	iron ore
Gold Road	GOR	breached downtrend	gold
Great Boulder Resources	GBR	new low	gold exploration
Hastings Technology Metals	HAS	breached support line	rare earths
Hazer Group	HZR	strong rally	hydrogen
Heavy Minerals	HVY	breached support line	garnet
Highfield Resources	HFR	testing downtrend	potash
Hillgrove Resources	HGO	testing downtrend	copper
Iluka Resources	ILU	rallying, but meeting resistance line	mineral sands
Image Resources	IMA	down	mineral sands
ioneer (was Global Geoscience)	INR	breached steepest downtrend	lithium
Ionic Rare Earths	IXR	sideways through downtrend	rare earths
Jervois Mining	JVR	new low	nickel/cobalt
Kingston Resources	KSN	new low	gold
Krakatoa Resources	KTA	rallying, but meeting resistance line	rare earths
Kingfisher Mining	KFM	breaching support line	rare earths
Kingwest Resources	KWR	good rally	gold
Legend Mining	LEG	new low	nickel exploration
Lepidico	LPD	recovering from lows	lithium
Lindian Resources	LIN	new high	bauxite
Lion One Metals	LLO	rising again	gold
Los Cerros	LCL	rising off its lows	gold exploration
Lotus Resources	LOT	down	uranium
Lucapa Diamond	LOM	breached downtrend	diamonds
Lynas Corp.	LYC	breached support line	rare earths
Magnetic Resources	MAU	new low	gold exploration
Mako Gold	MKG	new low	gold exploration
Marmota	MEU	sideways through uptrend	gold exploration
Marvel Gold	MVL	new low	gold exploration
Matador Mining	MZZ	new low	gold exploration
Mayur Resources	MRL	new low	renewables, cement
Meeka Gold	MEK	but pullback	gold
Megado Gold	MEG	back to downtrend	rare earths, gold exploration
MetalsX	MLX	new low	tin, nickel
Metro Mining	ММІ	rising	bauxite
Mincor Resources	MCR	recovering from lows	gold/nickel
Mithril Resources	MTH	down	gold/silver
Musgrave Minerals	MGV	testing downtrend	gold exploration
Nagambie Resources	NAG	stronger	gold, antimony
Neometals	NMT	sideways through downtrend	lithium
Northern Star Res.	NST	breached downtrend	gold

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Nova Minerals	NVA	breached resistance - new upend commenced	gold exploration
Oceana Gold	OGC	down	gold
Oklo Resources	OKU	spiked through downtrend	gold expl.
Orecorp	ORR	new low	gold development
Oz Minerals	OZL	breached downtrend	copper
Pantoro	PNR	new low	gold
Panoramic Res	PAN	down	nickel
Peak Minerals	PUA	new low	copper exploration
Peak Resources	PEK	breached steepest downtrend	rare earths
Peel Mining	PEX	new low	copper
Peninsula Energy	PEN	new low	uranium
Poseidon Nickel	POS	breached steepest downtrend	nickel
Perseus Mining	PRU	softer	gold
Provaris Energy	PV1	good rally	hydrogen
PVW Resources	PVW	testing downtrend	rare earths
QMines	QML	new low	copper
Queensland Pacific Metals	QPM	new low	nickel/cobalt/HPA
Red River Resources	RVR	new low	zinc
Regis Resources	RRL	testing downtrend	gold
Renergen	RLT	testing downtrend	gas, helium
Resource Mining Corp.	RMI	pullback on placement	nickel exploration
RIO	RIO	new low	diversified, iron ore
Rumble Resources	RTR	new low	gold exploration
S2 Resources	S2R	testing downtrend	gold exploration
St Barbara	SBM	breached downtrend	gold
Sandfire Resources	SFR	bounced off low	copper
Santos	STO	uptrend	oil/gas
Saturn Metals	STN	sideways	gold exploration
Silex Systems	SLX	new high	uranium enrichment technology
Silver Mines	SVL	down	silver
South Harz Potash	SHP	still in downtrend	potash
Southern Cross Gold	SXG	breached downtrend	gold exploration
Stanmore Coal	SMR	pullback	coal
Strandline Resources	STA	strong rise	mineral sands
Sunstone Metals	STM	downtrend	exploration
Talga Resources	TLG	testing steepest downtrend	graphite
Technology Metals	TMT	down	vanadium
Tesoro Resources	TSO	new low	gold exploration
Theta Gold Mines	TGM	strong rise from lows - at resistance	gold
Thor Mining	THR	sideways through downtrend	gold exploration
Tietto Minerals	TIE	breaching downtrend	gold
Titan Minerals	ттм	down	gold
Turaco Gold	TCG	downtrend	gold exploration
Vanadium Resources	VR8	breached uptrend	vanadium

West African Resources	WAF		holding uptrend	gold
Westgold Resources	WGX		down	gold
West Wits Mining	WWI		new low	gold
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		new high	coal
Wiluna Mining	WMC			gold
Yandal Resources	YRL		new low	gold exploration
Zenith Minerals	ZNC		breached steepest downtrend	gold exploration
Zinc Mines of Ireland	ZMI		new low	zinc
Totals	12%	17	Uptrend	
	55%	81	Downtrend	
		146	Total	

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Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts						
Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting				
Gold	34	23.3%				
Gold Exploration	23	15.8%				
Rare Earths	11	7.5%				
Nickel	10	6.8%				
Copper	10	6.8%				
Oil/Gas	8	5.5%				
Iron Ore/Manganese	6	4.1%				
Zinc/Lead	5	3.4%				
Lithium	4	2.7%				
Uranium	4	2.7%				

Graphite/graphene	3	2.1%	
Potash/Phosphate	3	2.1%	
Coal	3	2.1%	
Mineral Sands	3	2.1%	
Silver	2	1.4%	
Bauxite	2	1.4%	
Vanadium	2	1.4%	
Cobalt	1	0.7%	
Tin	1	0.7%	
Diamonds	1	0.7%	
Other	10		
Total	146		

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