

## Rising fertiliser prices to boost Agua as it commences phosphate production.

The major influence on the markets last week was the Iranian/USA War. Last Monday the Australian market was wondering what to think about it, but the downward movements in the overseas markets on Monday night led the way down such that the fall in the All Ords for the week was 3.7%.

The main concern with the war is the impact on energy prices and the knock-on effect on inflation. How long will it last? We can only guess. A point to ponder; higher gas prices affect more than just energy costs. They also drive up the price of nitrogen fertiliser. Read on.

### *Focus on the surge in fertiliser prices*

One impact that Australians don't automatically consider is the effect on fertiliser prices, of rising gas prices, but they should. One third of global fertiliser trade passes through the Strait of Hormuz; 35% of global urea and 45% of sulphur exports, being key ingredients for nitrogen and phosphate fertilisers. Iran alone accounts for 10-12% of global urea trade.

Qatar Energy has had to stop production at the world's largest single urea plant just as the northern hemisphere is heading into the crop sowing season. Authorities are already warning of global food shortages as yields could fall 50% in some places, which would certainly boost inflation at the basic level. Prices in the USA jumped from US\$515 pt on Friday to US\$683 pt (up 33%) on Thursday. Look at the chart below.



### *Impact on Agua and Brazil*

Brazil is one of the most import-dependent fertiliser markets globally, importing 85% of its fertiliser needs. That means that the shipping disruptions in the Gulf are already having a knock-on effect on Brazilian markets.

As far as Agua is concerned, this is a perfect storm no matter how long the disruption lasts. It further emphasises the government's push for domestic sources of phosphate,

especially rock phosphate fertiliser that is not dependent upon imports of chemicals used for manufacturing synthetic fertilisers. Agua proposes to mine rock phosphate, so it is not dependent upon imported chemicals so its costs will not be rising. On the flip side it will be benefitting from higher global phosphate prices, so margins will improve.

Agua is still on track for commencing phosphate production in April, as soon as it receives the Operating Licence documentation from the government. There is now a sense of urgency for the government to act sooner rather than later. This is no time to be tardy.

Agua has disclosed in ASX releases that the 160,000 tpa Phase 1A plant will start processing ore in April and ramp up to full capacity over nine months. Thereafter there will be a series of expansions to eventually achieve rates of 600,000 tpa in 3-4 years. The recent moves in the fertiliser price is putting some wind in its sails. Margins were already looking good with cash costs estimated at \$60-65 pt, on selling prices of \$200-220 pt. That margin will increase further, such that \$25m EBITDA p.a. is a real possibility. That is not bad for a company selling at a market capitalisation of only \$30m. Who said fertiliser returns are not sexy?

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### *Mithril Gold and Silver looking promising*

Mithril has been around for decades in its various guises as an exploration stock, but its modern history can be traced back to the point when John Skeet became involved. John is a respectable metallurgist who first became known to me when he was working on the Palmarejo Project in Mexico and Quartzite in Georgia, for Norm Seckold, in Bolnisi Gold. Bolnisi was eventually taken over by the large US silver company, Coeur d'Alene, when Palmarejo was transitioning from exploration to production on a 3 Moz AuEq resource project, to great benefit of its shareholders.

John backed the Copalquin exploration project into the shell of Mithril, believing that the project had potential to be as good as Palmarejo. Located in the Durango State of Mexico, I believe the project has got great potential that is starting to be revealed now, though the share price has gone south recently.

### *What happens when an institution decides to bail?*

It is supposed to be great for the share price if an institution or two decide to take a position. That works in the acquisition phase, but what happens if an institution decides to sell? We have seen many examples of where

the share price gets butchered through the exit of a large shareholder. Here, in Mithril's case, we have been witnessing the departure of 1832. The share price has halved from 65¢ to be settling around 34¢ now. We believe that this selling has almost finished. Once it is finished the foot will come off the throat of the company and the share price should begin to recover. That is the theory, but what about the geological merit of the Company? Will that be conducive to a rising share price from here?

### *Looking at the initial resources*

According to the recent ASX-released presentation, MTH has an Indicated Resource of 0.69 Mt at 5.43 gpt gold and 140 gpt silver. Add to this the Inferred Resource of 1.7 Mt at 4.55 gpt gold and 152 gpt silver and you get a total of 373,000 oz of gold and 10.95 Moz of silver. That is interesting though modest but the high grades will ensure strong profit margins. However, this is just the starting point.

### *A small resource now, but growing*

There has been another 23,000m of drilling since the release of the resources above. We can look forward to a significantly larger number in a few months but equally significant will be the proportion in the Measured and Indicated categories (currently only 28% Indicated). This update is probably about a year behind schedule but that has been due to the geology being more complicated than first modelled. Sometimes that can be a positive as the more complicated the structural geology, the more chances there are of mineralising and depositional activity.

### *A geological description of Copalquin*

Copalquin is an epithermal gold/silver system currently comprising six targets over 9 km of strike that extend 1,200m vertical. Only Targets 1 and 5 have been drilled and reported so far. Recently, drilling commenced on Target 3 in January, with testing of the others to commence later on in 2026.

Just last week the Company received the results of a magnetic survey conducted to add structural information to mapping and sampling over a 20 km<sup>2</sup> area. Once assessed, this data will provide valuable information on structures and pathways for mineralising events by giving more of a 3D perspective. This will allow geologists to vector in on the structures responsible for the widespread high-grade gold and silver mineralisation spread over this vast district, evidenced by the extensive mapping and sampling. There have been more than 100 historic underground mines, going back to the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

### *Could there be a high-grade boiling zone?*

The grades being recorded are compelling. The best hole, #77, recorded an interval of 8m at 80 gpt gold and 700 gpt silver at Target 1 (this was the 7th highest grade gold intercept in the world reported in 2021), at vertical depths of around 300m. These grades make me think of one of the earlier poster boy epithermal gold projects in Chile; El Indio. Once owned by Alan Bond's company, this was an enormously profitable gold mine. Anyone with an epithermal gold project will be looking to get to the boiling zone where very high grades can be found, but not everyone is successful. Here, there is good room for optimism given the above interval. That could underwrite an enormously profitable mine.

### *Economics - attractive before, but what about now?*

Unofficially, the Company ran scenarios based on the earlier resource when gold and silver prices were half the current levels. The spreadsheet suggested operating costs of less than US\$1,000/oz and capex payback of less than 12 months, but what about now? You can be certain the numbers will look much better when you expand the resource and factor in the recent metal prices.

The previous resource calculation used a 2 gpt cut-off grade. This is certain to be reduced given gold and silver price movements, but that gives opportunity for a much larger resource.

When people talk of high grades in the Americas they are often talking narrow veins requiring selective mining to keep the head grades to the mill as high as possible. It is often a trade-off between grade and tonnes in the optimisation process. Here, MTH is talking of mechanised mining widths in the order of 4.5m, being more manageable.

Mining would probably start with open pits, perhaps to a depth of 100m in places. Oxidation levels are shallow. To the east it is likely that the rocks will be unweathered below 50m, but in areas of erosion the level of oxidation will be shallower. Much of the mineralisation outcrops.

### *The Bottom Line*

There is no reason why the Copalquin system will not prove to be as big, or better than Palmarejo, especially at the lower cut-off grade justified by high metal prices. Just like Bolnisi Gold, shareholders can reasonably expect a takeover bid at some point, once the development parameters are better defined. There is an opportunity to purchase shares at a discounted price today, because of the institutional selling.

*Disclosure: Interests associated with the author own shares in Mithril. They originally acquired shares a few weeks ago on a charting view, before getting a Company update. Having done so since, confidence levels have improved from a fundamental viewpoint.*

### *Old Man Broken Hill has Been Overlooked ... but not be the Kingfisher (KFM)*

Anyone who knows anything about Australian history knows about Charles Rasp and the discovery of the huge silver-lead-zinc orebodies that gave birth to BHP. Why, they are even relevant to the Grigor family history as my grandfather immigrated from Scotland in 1911, to work as a carpenter in the mines at Broken Hill. Many Australians would be surprised to hear that these mines are still operating today.

### *Re-quotation of Broken Hill Mines in July 2025*

Broken Hill Mines (BHM) was reinstated to the ASX on 18/7/25, with substantial shareholders being Patrick Walta (14.94%), the Slattery Group (9.67%) and John Carr (8.79%). This event was quickly followed up with the securing of a US\$25m financing facility, an option exercise of \$7.5m and then a \$38.5m placement. The shares have risen from a low of 39¢ to a recent peak of \$1.36, giving a market capitalisation of around \$400m. That makes it a success so far.

The December quarterly report disclosed a mining rate of 536,000 tpa of ore grading 13.6% ZnEq. Sales were \$30m but cash flow from operations was only \$1.6m. It would seem that the Company is still getting established.

Ore is coming from the Rasp Mine that sits in between the Perilya ground at both end of the strike. The old Pinnacle Mine, 15 km distant, has been providing some excellent drill results recently, leading to an expectation that this will be an important source of mill feed going ahead.

A fundamental driving force for BHM is the vision for the consolidation of operations at Broken Hill, beyond its own leases. Rumour has it that the Perilya ground, owned by Chinese interests, is not doing very well. If so, it could benefit from some rationalisation that brings everything under one roof. The 2 Mtpa Perilya plant is only being utilised up to 50% of the capacity, while the Broken Hill Mines 750,000 tpa plant is only being utilised up to 66% of its capacity.

All that is interesting but where can speculators make money from this scenario? Kingfisher Mining has a few ideas for you to consider.

*A shimmy out of rare earths into base metals*

Kingfisher Minerals was an opportunistic exploration IPO from 2020, that quickly began pursuing rare earths in the Gascoyne region near Dreadnought Resources (DRE). Sure, it found rare earths (along with a squillion other companies), but common sense subsequently took hold. Guided by MD Chris Bittar, who had spent 4-5 years in rare earths with the very complicated Northern Minerals project at Browns in the Kimberley, the Board didn't see much of a future on the rare earth path for KFM. It didn't see the ability to create a sufficient critical mass so KFM completed a strategic withdrawal, announcing the sale of the project to Dreadnought for \$2m in shares. Additionally, there could be a milestone payment of \$1.5m in the event that a resource of 20 Mt at 1% TREO is defined on the leases. Thus, Kingfisher basically got its money back, turning its back on a sector that is overcrowded and filled with geopolitical uncertainty.

*Moving into base metals*

In December 2025, KFM concluded the purchase of ground around Broken Hill, in NSW, from Austin Metals. The cost

was \$200,000 cash and \$200,000 in paper for 75-80% of a portfolio of exploration licences amounting to approximately 400 km<sup>2</sup> in the Broken Hill area, and another 300 km<sup>2</sup> of ground near Wellington and Cobar in NSW.

The ground to the north of Broken Hill shows good prospectivity for Ag/Zn/Pb. To the south, at Copper Blow, historical drilling of about 70 holes along a 600m strike length point to a useful copper orebody. This could be either 3-4% Cu on selective mining of 4m widths, or 1% Cu on widths up to 40m. Exploration upside is offered by a 4 km long magnetic anomaly.

There is a lot of smoke but the prospect has not been properly evaluated. KFM will proceed to do this through 2026, with a view to calculating a resource of several million tonnes. It will need a budget of \$1.5-\$3m.

*Strategic Processing Agreement Announced*

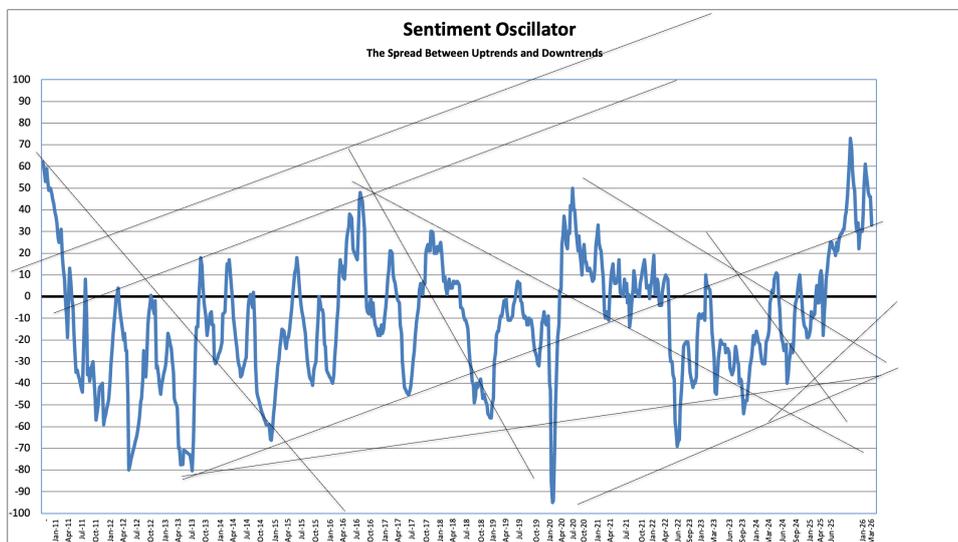
Last Wednesday KFM announced that it had entered into a binding Mining and Processing Co-Operation Agreement whereby its ore would be processed by Broken Hill Mines. This is a master stroke by Kingfisher. Many companies talk about the probability of doing a tolling agreement with a nearby plant, but this agreement provides certainty. It gives KFM leverage, bypassing significant capital expenditure and multi-year timelines required to build stand-alone infrastructure.

It gives a fast track to cash flow in about 2-3 years time, depending on the speed at which the Mines Department works.

*The Bottom Line*

Kingfisher sees a future as the exploration arm for Broken Hill Mining but the immediate interest is in advancing Copper Blow to a development status. Longer term, that orebody is open at depths of 300m.

With a market capitalisation of only \$8.2m and cash of around \$2m, the company is trading at option value. The recent deal has been announced but not fully digested by the market. A re-rating could be on the cards, but rather than being a hot trade, the maximum benefit will come to shareholders who also have patience. Just remember, we are dealing with a tangible project rather than a song and a prayer. Two years is not long to wait in this modern world of black, red and green tape.



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**Sentiment Oscillator:** Sentiment fell last week as a number of charts confirmed downtrend had commented. There were 56% (59%) of shares under coverage in uptrend, and 23% (13%) 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. 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	pullback	
Metals and Mining	XMM	correcting	
Energy	XEJ	rising	
Stocks	Code	Trend Comment (updated comments in bold)	Main Interest
Agua Resources	AGR	new low	phosphate, gold
Alkane Resources	ALK	at high	gold
Alicanto Minerals	AQI	adjusting to 12 into 1 consolidation	base metals, silver, gold
Alligator Energy	AGE	correcting and rallying	uranium
Almonty Industries	All	surge to new high	tungsten
Alpha HPA	A4N	down	HPA
American Rare Earths	ARR	improving	rare earths
American Tungsten & Antimony	AT4	pullback	antimon
Anax Metals	ANX	new high	copper
Andean Silver	ASL	testing uptrend	silver
Arafura Resources	ARU	testing uptrend	rare earths
Ardea Resources	ARL	rising again	nickel
Ark Mines	AHK	down	rare earths
Astral Resources	AAR	new high	gold
Aureka	AKA	rallying	gold exploration
Auric Mining	AWJ	rising	gold
Aurora Energy Metals	1AE	testing uptrend	uranium
Aurelia Metals	AMI	improving	copper + base metals
Aurum Resources	AUE	improving	gold
Australian Gold and Copper	AGC	rising	base metals, silver, gold
Australian Rare Earths	AR3	collapse through support	rare earths
Australian Strategic Materials	ASM	consolidating	rare earths
BHP	BHP	heavy correction	diversified, iron ore
Ballard Mining	BM1	pullback	gold
Ballymore Resources	BMR	heavy pullback	gold exploration
Barton Gold	BGD	pullback	gold exploration
Beach Energy	BPT	at resistance line	oil and gas
Beetaloo Energy	BTL	surge higher	gas
Bellevue Gold	BGL	higher	gold
Besra Gold	BEZ	at highs	gold
Black Cat Syndicate	BC8	rallying	gold
Boab Metals	BML	at highs	silver/lead

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Brazilian Rare Earths	BRE		rising again	rare earths
Brightstar Resources	BTR		consolidating	gold
Caravel Minerals	CVV		rising	copper
Carnaby Resources	CNB		falling	copper
Castile Resources	CST		sideways	gold/copper/cobalt
Catalyst Metals	CYL		testing uptrend	gold
Cazaly Resources	CAZ		down	rare earths
Centaurus Metals	CTM		new high	nickel/cobalt/HPA
Challenger Gold	CEL		improving	gold
Cobalt Blue	COB		down	cobalt
CuFe	CUF		new high	bismuth
Cyprium Metals	CYM		higher	copper
Emmerson Resources	ERM		new high	gold
EQ Resources	EQR		strongly higher	tungsten
Estrella Resources	ESR		consolidating	manganese
Evolution Mining	EVN		pullback	gold
Felix Gold	FXG		down	gold exploration, antimony
Finder Energy	FDR		surge through downtrend	oil/gas
First Graphene	FGR		rallying	graphene
Flagship Minerals	FLG		new high	gold
Genesis Minerals	GMD		correcting lower	gold
Globe Metals and Mining	GBE		spiked higher	niobium
Gold 50	G50		new high	gold exploration + gallium
Golden Horse	GHM		down	gold exploration
Great Boulder Resources	GBR		steeply higher	gold exploration
Green360 Tech	GT3		surge to new high	kaolin
Hamelin Gold	HMG		higher	gold exploration
Hawk Resources	HWK		down	scandium
Heavy Minerals	HVY		down	garnet
Hillgrove Resources	HGO		down	copper
Iltani Resources	ILT		heavy pullback	antimony
Iluka Resources	ILU		rising again	mineral sands
Investigator Resources	IVR		falling	silver
Jupiter Mines	JSM		improving	manganese
Kairos Minerals	KAI		rising	gold
Kaiser Reef	KAU		correcting	gold
Kalamazoo Resources	KRZ		rising	gold
Kalina Power	KPO		down	carbon sequestration
Koba Resources	KOB		breached downtrend	uranium
Larvotto Resources	LRV		return to highs	gold, antimony
Litchfield Resources	LMS		down	copper exploration
Lindian Resources	LIN		rising	rare earths + bauxite
Lode Resources	LDR		breached uptrend	antimony, silver
Lotus Resources	LOT		longer term downtrend	uranium

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Lynas Corp.	LYC		surge higher	rare earths
Many Peaks	MPK		sideways	gold exploration
Marmota	MEU		testing uptrend after placement	gold/uranium exploration
Matsa Resources	MAT		down	gold
Meeka Gold	MEK		at highs	gold
MetalsX	MLX		new high	tin, nickel
Meteoric Resources	MEI		rising again	rare earths
Metro Mining	MMI		rising again	bauxite
Midas Minerals	MM1		rising	lithium
Mithril Silver & Gold	MTH		down	silver, gold
Native Mineral Resources	NMR		breached downtrend	gold
New Murchison	NMG		rising	gold
New World Resources	NWC		rising	copper
Nexgen Energy	NXG		rising again	uranium
Northern Star Res.	NST		rising again	gold
Novo Resources	NVO		placement & heavy correction	gold exploration
Omega Oil	OMA		rising	oil
Pacific Gold	PGO		spiked higher	gold exploration
Pacific Lime & Cement	PLA		sideways	renewables, cement
Paladin Energy	PDN		heavy correction	uranium
Pantoro Gold	PNR		heavy correction then rebound	gold
Patriot Battery Metals	PMT		testing uptrend	lithium
Peninsula Energy	PEN		heavy correction	uranium
Perseus Mining	PRU		new high	gold
QMines	QML		rallying	copper
QPM Energy	QPM		down	gas power station
Regis Resources	RRL		rising	gold
Revolver Resources	RRR		softer	copper
Richmond Vanadium	RVT		spiked higher	vanadium
RIO	RIO		new high	diversified, iron ore
Rox Resources	RXL		rising	gold
RTG Mining	RTG		improving	copper
Rumble Resources	RTR		rising	zinc, gold, tungsten exploration
S2 Resources	S2R		down	gold exploration
Santana Minerals	SMI		correcting lower	gold
Santos	STO		rising	oil/gas
Sarytogan Graphite	SGA		down	graphite
Scorpion Minerals	SCN		softer	gold exploration
Siren Gold	SNG		down	gold exploration
Skylark Minerals	SKM		rising	gold exploration
Somerset Minerals	SMM		rising	copper exploration
Southern Palladium	SPD		down	PGMs
Stanmore Coal	SMR		heavy slump	coal
St George Mining	SGQ		spike higher	rare earths, niobium

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Stellar Resources	SRZ		new high again	tin
Sun Silver	SS1		softer	silver
Sunrise Metals	SRL		heavy correction	scandium
Talga Resources	TLG		down	graphite
Tamboran Resources	TBN		rising	gas
Theta Gold	TGM		breaching downtrend	gold
Toro Energy	TOE		testing uptrend	uranium
Torque Metals	TOR		rallying	gold exploration + lithium
Toubani Resources	TRE		rising, gently	gold
Verity Resources	VRL		testing downtrend	gold
Vertex Minerals	VTX		down	gold
Waratah Minerals	WTM		good rally	gold exploration
Westgold Resources	WGX		new high	gold
West Wits Mining	WWI		rising	gold
Whitehaven Coal	WHC		testing uptrend	coal
White Cliff Minerals	WCN		down	copper exploration
WIN Metals	WIN		down	gold
Yandal Resources	YRL		down	
Totals	56%	79	Uptrend	
	23%	33	Downtrend	
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### Weightings of Sectors Represented in the Company Charts

Sector	No. of Companies	Weighting
Gold	38	26.8%
Gold Exploration	22	15.5%
Copper	14	9.9%
Rare Earths	11	7.7%
Uranium	8	5.6%

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Oil/Gas/Hydrogen	6	4.2%	
Silver	5	3.5%	
Antimony	4	2.8%	
Iron Ore/Manganese	4	2.8%	
Lithium	2	1.4%	
Graphite/graphene	3	2.1%	
HPA/Kaolin	3	2.1%	
Nickel	1	0.7%	
Scandium	2	1.4%	
Tungsten	2	1.4%	
Tin	2	1.4%	
Coal	2	1.4%	
Bismuth	1	0.7%	
Niobium	1	0.7%	
Potash/Phosphate	1	0.7%	
Vanadium	1	0.7%	
Zinc/Lead	1	0.7%	
PGMs	1	0.7%	
Mineral Sands	1	0.7%	
Bauxite	1	0.7%	
Cobalt	1	0.7%	
Other	4	2.8%	
Total	142		

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