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# THE TWO BIG MYTHS ABOUT A COMING BIDEN PRESIDENCY

## POLICIES ON CHINA... AND ENERGY... WILL SURPRISE MANY.

By Chris Temple

It never fails. The majority of my fellow Americans who voted in the most recent election (chiefly, those who voted for the now-outgoing President Donald J. Trump) tend to buy hook, line and sinker any drivel spewed by their favorite candidate against his opponent. This, of course, goes both ways: both Trump sycophants and those with T.D.S. (Trump Derangement Syndrome) who voted for Joe Biden grabbing on to the most infantile and inane “arguments” for or against their chosen candidate.

For present purposes, I have read and heard stuff regularly from the most partisan Trump supporters—and not the least, from The Orange Wonder himself—telling me that as a consequence of the apparent Biden win:

- America’s fracking industry will be done away with on January 21, 2021, causing gasoline and home utility bills to soar,
  - I will have to drastically cut my energy use (unless I am a Democrat Party donor, sports star or Hollywood celebrity, in which case I can continue to have unlimited residences and modes of transportation on land, water and air and consume all the fossil fuels I want),
  - America, its industries and people will be sold out to China anew, which will now move to consolidate its control over the whole world while Biden tries to remember where he is and what day of the week it is,
  - The communist takeover of America will now be unleashed in full force, with Antifa and Black Lives Matter muscle the new face of “community policing,”
  - The U.S. dollar will plunge due to Biden and “The Squad” printing money for all manner of virtue-signaling, Green New Deal and Marxist programs,
  - Precious metals will therefore SOAR,
  - I must now switch my diet to kale and wild edibles I forage for,
  - AND etc...
- Of course, I could go on...but you get the sarcastic points (I hope!)



At the end of this article, I offer you a few links to go much more in depth on the following two (and some related) themes, for those with the desire and courage to do so. **These to me are the two most important themes where, I observe, even average investors and citizens have a woeful lack of understanding of what is coming from a Biden Administration on China policy and on Energy policy.**

### BIDEN THE CHINA HAWK



Unquestionably, Joe Biden indeed has for decades been a better “representative” of the Chinese government and of Corporate America than he has been of the *people* of Delaware who elected him time and again. In that, however, he was not unlike the overwhelming majority of

his Republican and Democrat Party colleagues in Washington alike. *All of them* had as their marching orders the sellout of American business, workers and our national security to China. Most—Biden obediently included—went along with the program.

**But that program has now *changed*; and “China Joe” will change with it.**

While there is still some resistance on Wall Street, the Deep State/military Establishment of the United States now views China as the biggest global threat to America and *our allies*. The New Cold War is already underway; and despite the rhetoric and bellicosity of Trump where China is concerned, America’s agenda in prosecuting this new “war” is only just crystallizing. It will do so in earnest even after Trump has left the scene.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich symbolizes the wholesale Establishment move away from friendlier relations with China. Once an energetic errand boy himself for corporate/capitalist interests as “Mr. Newt” likewise sacrificed American workers, companies

and security on the altar of globalization, he has seen the light. **As with Biden (or a President Kamala Harris if things came to that), Gingrich knows now that the Deep State wants and needs China as an enemy now.**



So Gingrich—as energetic an errand boy for China and globalization as there ever was, as I know from personal experience from years past—now acknowledges that he was “wrong” about China.

And among the most counterintuitive things I’m telling you to expect from a Biden/Harris Administration, so, too, will Biden emerge as an energetic “hawk” on China.

**As corrupt as Biden and his family have been concerning China. . .for all his own hypocrisy and faulty memory. . .Biden will be a China hawk because that’s what the Deep State now requires.**

Don’t forget: both Biden and *especially* Kamala Harris (who Democrat Party primary voters had virtually no use for or interest in, so effectively was she revealed as a Hillary Clinton-like phony and Establishment hack by Hawaii’s Tulsi Gabbard and others) are now in their present positions because they are wholeheartedly part of the system. *Each would come out and announce tomorrow that they “identify” as hamsters if that’s what they were told to do.*

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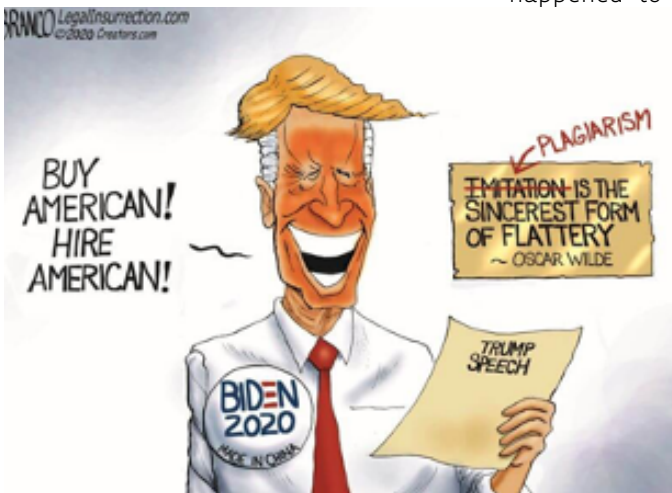
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> As I opined on this even before the election, all that remains to be known are *the specifics* as to how the Biden Administration will be prosecuting The New Cold War with China. Given the narrow Democrat majority in the House now and the probability of a hobbled Democrat “split” at most in the Senate (if not still a G.O.P. edge after January’s runoff elections for those two Georgia Senate seats), most of what occurs will be fairly doctrinaire: Cyber-security, standing up to China’s actions in Hong Kong and threats to Taiwan, the South China Sea, etc.

Indeed, while most remain fixated on the ongoing election drama (and millions remain convinced Trump can still prevail *somehow*) **The Fourth Estate is dutifully setting the table for the foreign policy issues a new President Biden will confront.** On China (saber-rattling is likewise perking back up in the media against Iran as well) specifically, as I am writing this, ominous stories have appeared in the press about the country’s rapid build-up of weapons-grade nuclear material; see <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2020/nov/12/china-expanding-nuclear-arms-plants-revealed/>



Likewise, every bit the “convert” as is the former House Speaker, a President Biden will surprise some people in being an energetic “America-firster” in some respects; *and unlike Trump (who on China often veered all over the place in his more ham-fisted approach) he will have a FAR MORE coordinated game plan.* Also unlike Trump—and this will be one concession to the “left” of the party and, I’ll say, an appropriate one *morally*—Biden WILL seek to impose trade and other sanctions on

China over its human rights abuses (on this subject, sadly, Trump proved to be all hat and no cattle, ignoring China’s ongoing human rights abuses solely for the sake of a phony and photo-op “deal” with China at the end of 2019.)

Also just reported as I am writing this is that **China just managed to ink the reportedly biggest trade deal ever with virtually all of its neighbors**, including even an Australia that Trump had tried to pull away more from China’s orbit; see <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-11-15/asia-pacific-nations-sign-the-world-s-biggest-trade-deal?sref=AqatjHHy>

So all in all, a big, unanticipated (by most) characteristic of the coming Biden Administration will be the U.S. leading—in a more organized effort and with coordination with many other nations—America’s response to the ongoing economic and military growth of the would-be Chinese economic and military empire.

### AN ESPECIALLY AMERICA-FIRST ENERGY POLICY

History will show that Donald Trump happened to be elected president at about the time that the power structure in America had already determined that there were reasons to turn away from the globalization regimen of recent decades and back to a form of *mercantilism*. (I distinguished that from “populism” for my audience when Trump was elected, so people could get past his rhetoric and understand the difference.)

Similarly, the *former* “China Joe” will in some instances out-Trump Trump when it comes to America First. It will be even less about the average American’s lot than was the case under his predecessor; and more about reclaiming profits and power for companies based in America.

*Needless to say, there are A LOT of investment themes in this alone.*



**And that’s no more the case than where energy—and America’s energy security, critical minerals security, etc.—is concerned.**

In my view, President Trump did *himself*, not to mention those working for him in these areas, a horrible disservice by “running” on an energy policy and against a purported Biden energy policy based on idiotic, simplistic catch phrases and scare tactics. The truth is that Trump’s Department of Energy under former *woefully underrated* head Rick Perry and now Dan Brouillette (nearby photo) was responsible more than any other part of the government in actually *accomplishing* a lot as the U.S. starts to play “catch up” after too many years of sitting on the sidelines as the energy industries and technologies of the future have been pursued by just about everyone *except us*.

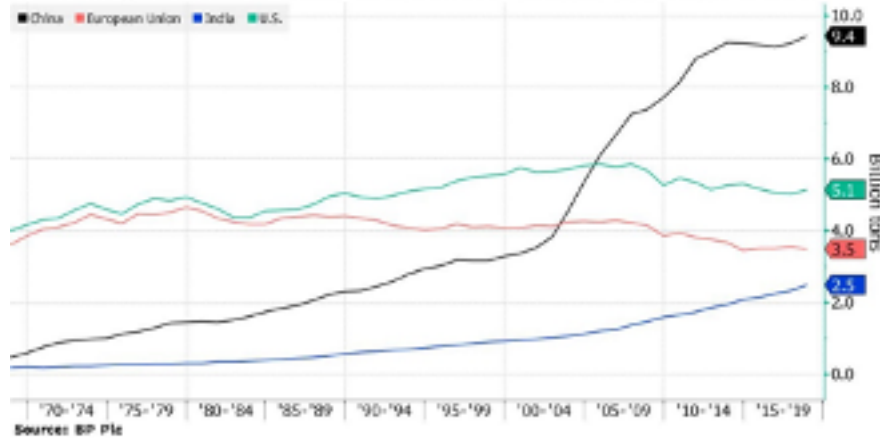


Indeed, Brouillette especially stands a better chance than most Trump Cabinet members or department heads of having a role in the Biden Administration. And that is because of his *work* in that department on nuclear energy, rare earths, the EV industry and battery supply chain and more; *all things Trump should have ballyhooed on the campaign trail, rather than sticking to pat electioneering phrases and fear-mongering.*

To at least have some of the rhetoric appeal to the Green New Dealers, Joe Biden will be couching most everything under the auspices of the Paris Climate

**Biden will sell a combination of a revived nuclear industry and accelerated activity for the whole Electric Vehicle supply chain as two *major* anchors of his policy.**

**Emissions Giant**  
China now produces more carbon emissions than the U.S. and Europe combined

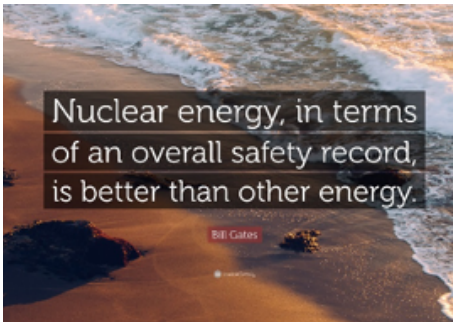


On nuclear energy, Biden will have overwhelming bipartisan support; pretty much the only opposition coming from the farthest left of his party. As I am writing elsewhere in considerably greater detail right now, the re-embracing of nuclear energy as *the* most substantial means to meet the energy needs of the future in a carbon-free way is well underway. Opinion

Numerous things already well underway to “catch America up” to China, Russia and others are measures that Biden will step right in to after he is sworn in; even if he doesn’t keep the apolitical Brouillette.

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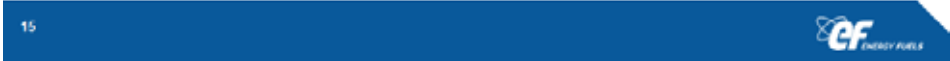


➤ Trump’s Department of Energy has been *racing* to implement as much of last year’s recommendations by the Nuclear Fuel Working Group that Trump inspired as it can. As I report in a concurrent uranium sector Special Report that will be out by the time you are reading this, the D.O.E. has been supporting several efforts of U.S. companies to catch up to Russia, China and others in S.M.R. (Small Modular Reactor) technology. And it was just announced that a Senate Committee finally has endorsed Trump’s N.F.W.G. objective of reinvigorating our near-dormant domestic uranium industry by calling for funding for a national uranium reserve.

## MAIN RECOMMENDATIONS


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- **End Department of Energy (“DOE”) bartering program – Ongoing**
- **Extend the Russian Suspension Agreement (“RSA”) to prevent dumping of Russian uranium in U.S. nuclear market – Ongoing**
- **Enable U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (“NRC”) to deny imports of fabricated nuclear fuel from Russia**
- **Streamline regulatory reform & land access for uranium**
- **“Subsequent support will be considered as deemed necessary across a 10-year period ...”**




Of course, **the E.V. industry and the various parts of its food chain** will enjoy perhaps even greater attention from the new Administration. Our Members have already enjoyed one

major “home run” in the recent past: **Piedmont Lithium (NASDAQ:PLL)** which I was pounding the table on this past Summer in the \$6.00/share range before it announced a major offtake





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- **Baxter** – Drill ready after detailed soil-sampling program.
- **Pete Hanson & Gabel** – Expected to be drill ready after a soil-sampling program on each.
- **North Lone Mtn** – Zinc and gold soil anomalies drill ready.
- **Shoshone Pediment** – Permitting two barite open pits by Baxter Hughes, Royalty to Bravada possible in 2019/20.

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agreement with Tesla for its substantial spodumene-based lithium resource in North Carolina. Afterward, we took some money off the table in the \$40.00/share area but are keeping a position as this story is *only beginning*.

Elsewhere, I have been highlighting a couple other companies I believe will next be in the sights of the Teslas of the world.

Besides opportunities in alternative and “green” energy, the election outcome actually opened back up some areas of conventional energy as compelling (and *cheap*) opportunities. Most are in **natural gas pipeline and infrastructure companies**, most of which had been beaten half to death; but even some of the better MLP’s (Master Limited Partnerships) in oil are attractive.

Even if the Democrat Party does gain nominal control of the Senate by winning both Georgia races on January 5, fracking will not be “outlawed.” The long-term move *toward* electric and hydrogen-powered transportation will largely take care of things; that, and the devastation that Wall Street has already caused in the energy sector by

saddling it with so much debt that many companies are going extinct without the help of the Green New Dealers!

**“GREEN ENERGY” NOT SO GREEN? – SUSTAINABILITY NEEDS TO BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION**  
**Finally, a theme that will get much more**



**airing under Biden/Harris and properly so will be that of sustainability.** On this, the Green New Dealers especially have the moral high ground (would that they knew WHY, however!)

The very nature of our fractional reserve systems in the world and the need by those systems to always be compelling the taking on of debt *and the outsized consumption to service that debt* is at the CORE of pollution, climate change, etc. America is the worst offender in the consumption department (though Wall Street and investment bankers don’t mind!) **Though the U.S. has a bit less than five per cent of the planet’s population, we use nearly 25% of the energy.**

*Sensible* means to turn this around—which can be done without hurting living standards, even as those in developing nations are *raised*—must be found. Happily, though the wine-and-cheese crowd among starry-eyed environmentalists would object, more and more people are learning (as states like California and *countries* like the U.K. and Germany have been) that virtue signaling, a fawning media and only solar and wind power are NOT the answers.

I encourage you to watch a great video produced recently by Prager University; it’s at <https://www.prageru.com/video/whats-wrong-with-wind-and-solar/> In it, Mark Mills, Senior

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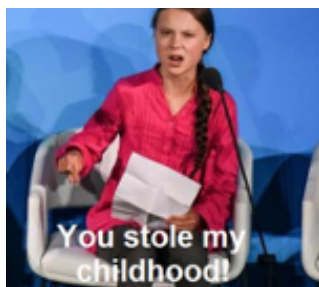
> Fellow at the Manhattan Institute, analyzes the *true cost*—both economic and environmental—of so-called green energy. It’s an eye opener!

It stressed a lot of the same points that the controversial Michael Moore-distributed film of earlier this year, *Planet of the Humans*, did. I say “controversial” because Moore’s usual allies and enablers on the loony left were apoplectic over him dissing the wine-and-cheese crowd’s *religiously-held* views on green energy, etc. This is another MUST-watch and can still be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk11vl-7czE&t=87s>

While a Biden energy policy will necessarily have to toss a bone or two to the Green New Dealers (and *can* without too much harm on sustainability issues and the last subject I discuss below) it must at the same time have true “adults” in charge that keep the loony left and unrealistic fantasies at bay. Unrealistic and uneconomic “solutions” to energy needs and climate change from those hypocrites I discussed earlier—the

kinds who have made a heroine out of young, impressionable Greta Thunberg—need to be shunned in favor of REAL SOLUTIONS.

On this I am especially interested to see the reactions of these Green New Dealers and others as Biden accelerates the moves toward sourcing/



implementing all the parts of the E.V. and other supply chains in the U.S., or broadly on the already-laid framework of a new, broader North American cooperation. Let’s see how much more hypocrisy we can reveal in these “limousine liberals” who trot out the

young Swedish lass to wail against how climate change and dread for the future has “stolen her childhood” while being fine with children in the Congo and elsewhere having NO childhood to begin with, since they are the ones who have to supply some of the battery metals, etc. so the environmental scolds can do their thing and live a wealthy, First-

world lifestyle without having to see “how the sausage is made.”

**Finally—though these themes have been relatively little-discussed against all of the above—look for new energy efficiency-type of themes to emerge.**



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**TSXV: OMM**

My latest “story stock” recommendation as I write this is a tiny, little-known company that has the newest and most efficient means for large buildings, warehouses and the like to control ventilation using less energy. Think also of technologies that are introducing better means to “scrub” smoke stacks even of existing utilities, etc.

**Last but not least will be the Biden Administration’s likely major new initiative that will kill two birds with one stone: mass transit.** Infamously, the U.S. relies on mass transit far less than most other industrialized nations; and that is a significant part of the reason why we consume more energy per capita than anyone else.

Joe Biden is a long-time satisfied and vocal customer of Amtrak, using that rail service to go back and forth from Washington to his home in Delaware regularly while he was a senator. Look for him to propose ambitious plans for mass transit nationally; all of which will require new/revamped infrastructure and more.

Besides leading to less energy usage overall, such a program will also lead to new/refurbished industries...and jobs... as **part of an overall infrastructure program.** And this as I have *long* argued (see <https://nationalinvestor.com/1285/infrastructure-bills-importance-game/>) is *necessary* to keep the broader economy from *imploding!*

AGAIN--Separately in *The National Investor* I have been and/or will be covering these and related themes in greater detail, together with offering additional, *specific ways* in which investors need to be acting.

Also, I regularly get to visit with other opinion makers and media; in several forums of late I’ve likewise gone into the above in great detail **and—in some instances—offered more publicly specific investment ideas based on what I see ahead.**

Among them of late:

- My first post-election discussion of significance; this one with Trevor Hall of Mining Stock Daily at [https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-grmdd-bdb9bce?utm\\_campaign=w\\_share\\_ep&utm\\_medium=dlink&utm\\_source=w\\_share](https://www.podbean.com/media/share/dir-grmdd-bdb9bce?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share) (from Nov. 4.)

▪ This -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5g-x4Xdil-k&feature=youtu.be> – video discussion with Bill Powers of Mining Stock Education on November 9.

- This -- <https://relevantradio.com/2020/11/market-update/> -- November 11 guest appearance on Drew Mariani’s show on *Relevant Radio*.

And last but not least, this pre-Election but **ENERGETIC** thematic *and action plan* for freedom-lovers **everywhere**; my chat with Mikkel Thorup on *The Expat Money Show*. Listen if you *dare* at <https://expatmoneyshow.com/episodes/chris-temple/>

**NOTE:** For the record—unlike in 2016 when I did support *Candidate* Trump—I supported *neither* Trump nor Biden in the latest election. Thus the above and my *ongoing* take on things is not tainted by partisanship of any kind. Yours truly proudly retains his ability to reason and think critically and—as always—to “Call ’em like I see ‘em.”

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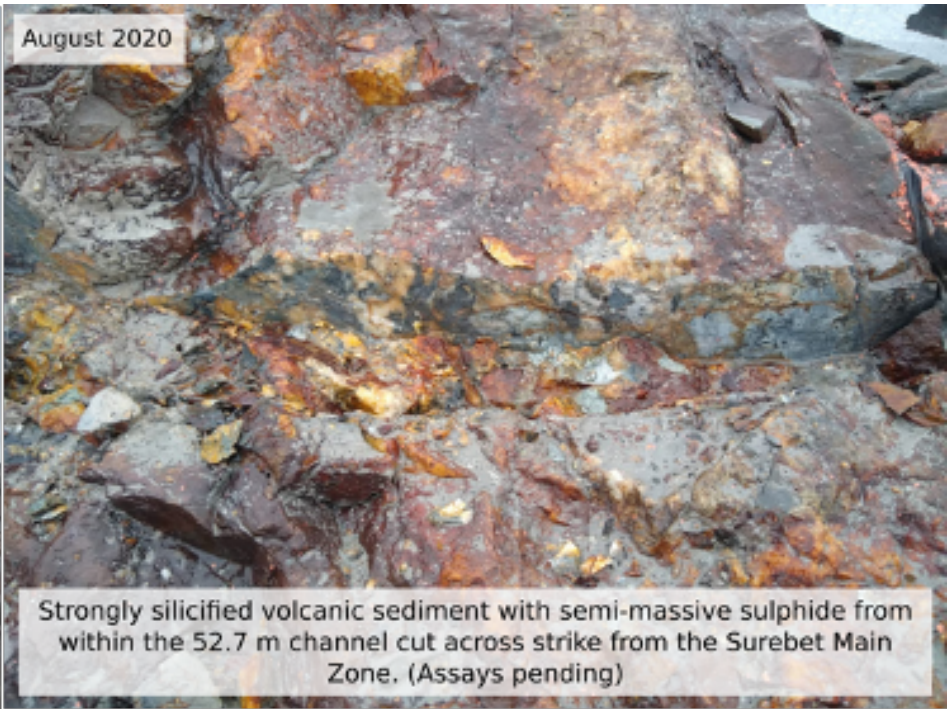
# HUNTING DOWN GOLD BUT WILL IT RUN

By Andrew O'Donnell

Finally, retail investors are realizing gold is more than just an historical or traditional asset. There is a reason why the wisdom of the ages is just that. Well, it is money. It is the original wealth over 6,000 years old and was a mighty leap above beads

other than the prolific Golden Triangle. Sure, the borders and shape of this region changes quite a bit, but most of us know we are talking about NW British Columbia. There are a lot of outstanding companies in this neck of the woods. You have Pretium, Seabridge, Tudor Gold, Scottie Resources, Skeena Resources, and the list

Goliath Resources offers a year-round opportunity at two of the most significant postal codes for mining: The Golden Triangle and Abitibi Greenshields. The company has many projects we have written about before but the focus of this article is on the dynamic Surebet Main Zone



and seashells. Much of the world has loved gold, and never stopped loving it particularly governments, which have been hoarding gold for years while investment banks criticized it. After all, there is nothing in it for banks.

Even investor guru and superstar Warren Buffet has bought into Barrick Gold recently. He did not just go buy gold bars from a bullion dealer, he recognized an entry into production was needed that will cushion him from the inevitable meltdown or melt-up that is not going away. This is a leader who has been negative on gold and gold stocks his entire career!

One place that has incredible potential is one we all know and one that I love is non-

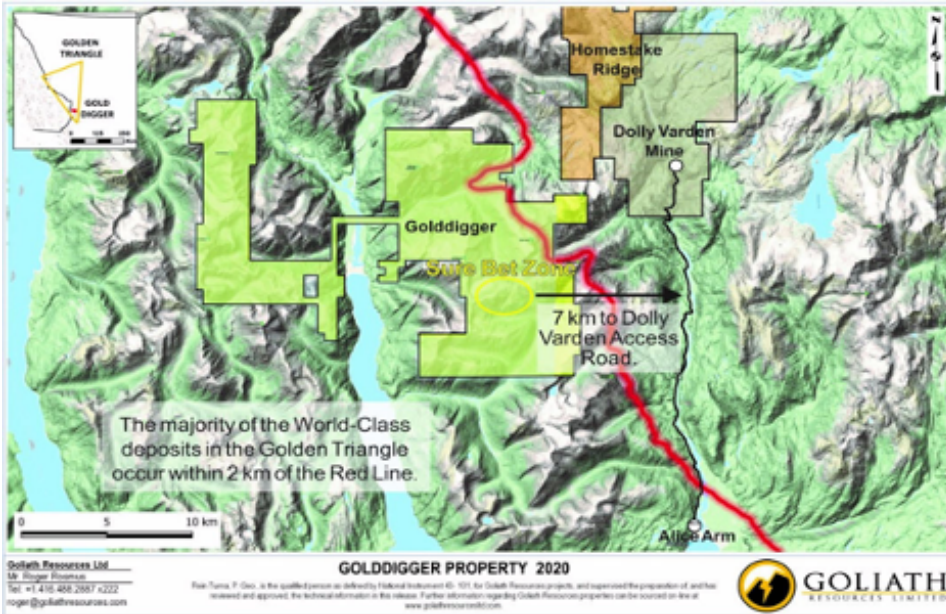
goes on. There are a lot of outstanding geo teams and prospectors working over years to pry open the riches that those in the know expect to find. One such story is that of Goliath Resources.

Goliath Resources exploration company focused on discoveries with world class potential: they are not looking for small scale production or refurbishing stories. Goliath is looking for big numbers of gold in a world class geological setting that's is a historically rich area on greenfield properties. I look at this with the investing intention of 'go big or go home'!

This is looking to have the early indicators required, they appear to be on track with a fast-evolving significant new discovery.

and announcing the Nelligan Project acquisition in the Abitibi Greenshields, a historic region where over 200M ounces of gold have been extracted. This is great news but the focus on this piece is the immediacy of the current extensive channel cutting programme aka "horizontal diamond drill holes" up to 52.7 meters in length with 700 meters of strike and 430 meters of vertical relief at its Sure Bet Main Zone at its Goldigger Property.

The flagship property is located just south west of Auryn Resources' Homestake Ridge high grade Au-Ag deposit and only 7km from an access road to the Dolly Varden mine. Homestake Ridge Main Zone hit as high as 73m of 21g/t Au and 12g/t ag. The Homestake Silver



Zone had 50.7m of 4g/t Au and 177g/t Ag. Auryn Resources published their PEA in April 14, 2020 for Homestake Ridge which presents the projects potential to become a high high-grade, small footprint, underground gold mine with positive economics.

Here is an overview video link: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=1&v=kOOH2nzWVBk&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=kOOH2nzWVBk&feature=emb_logo)

**GOT.V SUREBET ZONE**

Goliath Exploration is part of a larger project generator syndicate that

has been scouring over the Golden Triangle, Yukon, and Northwest BC focused on new original precious metal discoveries in areas of recently exposed bedrock due to glacial and snowpack abatement. I am impressed by the quality of work done by this team, syndicate and management over the past years and see this target as having outstanding potential. They are sitting on some outstanding geology and exciting channel cuts that are making people pay attention. Before we speak about the strategy let me just point out a key factor when discussing the geology. This system is along what is known as the Kyba Red Line.

**SIGNIFICANCE OF THE KYBA RED LINE.**

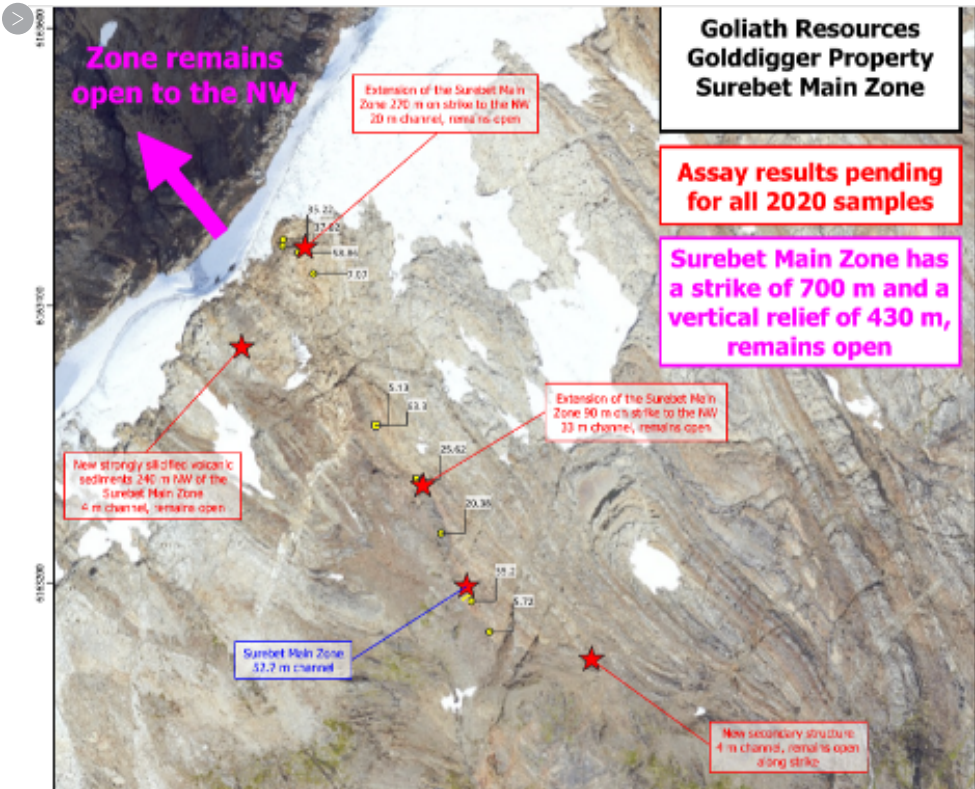
This geological description is attributed to Jeff Kyba a former geo with the government of British Columbia. The foundation of the concept is that most of the Golden Triangle's deposits are found within 2 kilometers of this contact zone; his theory, published in a BC government paper, was significant because it was the first time anyone had tied the area's discoveries together with a structural explanation. Goliath's

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program is designed to understand the extent of mineralization within these large structures consisting of massive sulphides. From the picture/slides published we can see the team exploring the Surebet Main Zone with an average width of ~ 30 meters and up to 52m. Surebet has a strike of 700m and with 430m of vertical relief and remains open..

Goliath has been taking a series of channel cuts along these structures to get a more solid indicator of the dissemination of mineralization at surface and possibly lies below. They will explore the entire 700m structure where exposed at surface from top to bottom focused on delineating optimal drill targets. We are all still waiting on assay results, but the team is strongly encouraged by what they are seeing in the channels which are comprised of massive sulphides, semi-massive sulphides and strongly silicified volcanic sediments containing fracture-fill sulphides.

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**SHARE STRUCTURE**

One of the opportunities with Goliath is the share structure. There are 28,645,298 shares issued and outstanding with 20,773,671 warrants and a total of just

geology, mineralization, and potential in this zone. Remember nothing matters until the assays are out but certainly as far as a good story, with outstanding geology in the right area Goliath provides a strong look.



over 50 million shares fully diluted. This allows the ability of the stock to grow and ability to raise money from the existing warrants without further dilution. Of course, we must wait to see what the results from this season bring but many are encouraged by the

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# UNDER THE NORTHERN LIGHTS UNDER THE PAST-PRODUCING THE MON... SIXTY NORTH GOLD IS 'GOING DEEPER'

By David O'Brien



A winter road will be constructed, and all of the 'team' to execute that is secured.

Mining and milling Permits are in place. [The only permitted gold project in NWT, btw. Ed.]

Mira Geoscience has been modeling the underground assets and producing 3-D inversions.

SXTY currently has a Private Placement open, the funds from which will complete all of the tasks mentioned above:

the winter road, the equipment and its transportation, the retention of drilling crews and more...

Recently, "SIXTY NORTH GOLD ANNOUNCES FIRST CLOSING OF NON-BROKERED UNIT OFFERING" which is the first tranche of a \$6MM raise before the summer of 2021.

**T**he Mon A-Zone was mined at one oz gold per tonne, and as Dr. Dave Webb says "We like that." [Who wouldn't, now that gold has gone up by 600+%, Ed.]

The Mon was mined to a 15-metre depth, whereas the Discovery Mine, at 1,200m, and the Con Mine, at 2Km depth, are nearby and in similar geologies. The Giant Mine is also in a similar geological trend.

So, management has decided to go DEEPER at The Mon. They've been targeting 1/2 oz gold per tonne in their drilling plans.

There is another potentially valuable target on the property, a huge, at surface, Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) deposit and it's silver-rich, at least,

based on sampling and geophysics. It can be mined to subsidize/finance property-wide development, which, of course, is less dilutive for Shareholders.



Equipment will be bought on site, as it's wholly-owned by the team now inside the 60 North Gold Mining development group.

As a German-listed company, there are many new Int'l investors following SXTY's story, or should I say 2F4.F's story;=}).





John Campbell, Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of Sixty North Gold stated,

**“** We are pleased to have a financing mechanism in place which will keep us on track towards our earn-in milestone, and achieving our twin goals of having a 100% interest in this former producing and currently permitted-for-production Canadian gold project, and having the mine back in full production by the Spring of 2022. **”**

Under the Northern Lights Under The Mon, indeed.

As Management summarized for us:

**Key Operational and Corporate Milestones for A-Zone Development Dates Estimated by Sixty North Gold Mining Ltd. Management**

11/15/2020 Award winter road contract, and for equipment and camp haulage

11/30/2020 Complete purchase of mine items, ground support, pipe; contract for explosives and magazine; government bonding for winter road

01/31/2021 Complete purchase of ventilation and fly-in material items, small tool items, fuel, propane, and lubricants

02/28/2021 Complete construction of winter road

03/31/2021 Complete haulage to site; complete \$6 million expenditures on Property to NDML and finalize 80% earn-in agreement

04/15/2021 Complete acquisition of 100% interest in the Mon project

So far, and despite some reservations about the NWT being ‘too remote’; it’s not, as The Mon Gold camp is only a 15-minute flight from Yellowknife, so everything’s on track, [IMHO, Ed.].

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# GRIZZLY DISCOVERIES INC.

## A CANADIAN EXPLORATION COMPANY

### FOCUSED ON PRECIOUS & BASE METALS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

By Andrew O'Donnell

**G**rizzly Discoveries is an aggressive but conscientious gold and base metals exploration company. The company has amassed a massive land package of stretching over 70km or 156,000 acres in a historically rich region of southern BC, Canada. This region has produced roughly 7 million ounces of gold, and Grizzly Discoveries has garnered more attention in this new rush with some strong results. I say aggressive because of the ability to pivot and stay whole during the difficult stretch of 2011-2019, and conscientious because the company, during all that time, kept the massive property without diluting the company or rolling back shareholders.

- Main Republic Producers: Hecla produced 2+ Moz at Knob Hill – Golden Promise, others include Buckhorn, Lamefoot, Overlook, K2, Emmanuel Ck, Key
- Still in resources > 6+ Moz Au and with significant Ag; Lexington – Golden Crown, Lone Star, Golden Eagle, Republic - Golden Promise - KH



Grizzly is the single largest mineral titles owner the Greenwood District, which has historic mines in the area, as well as 50km from Fiore's Golden Eagle mine with

2+ Million oz gold resource. The photo above illustrates the Kinross historical mines just south of the border. As we see from the photo below pulled from the corporate presentation, Grizzly's land package surrounds Lexington and Golden Crown Mine Project.

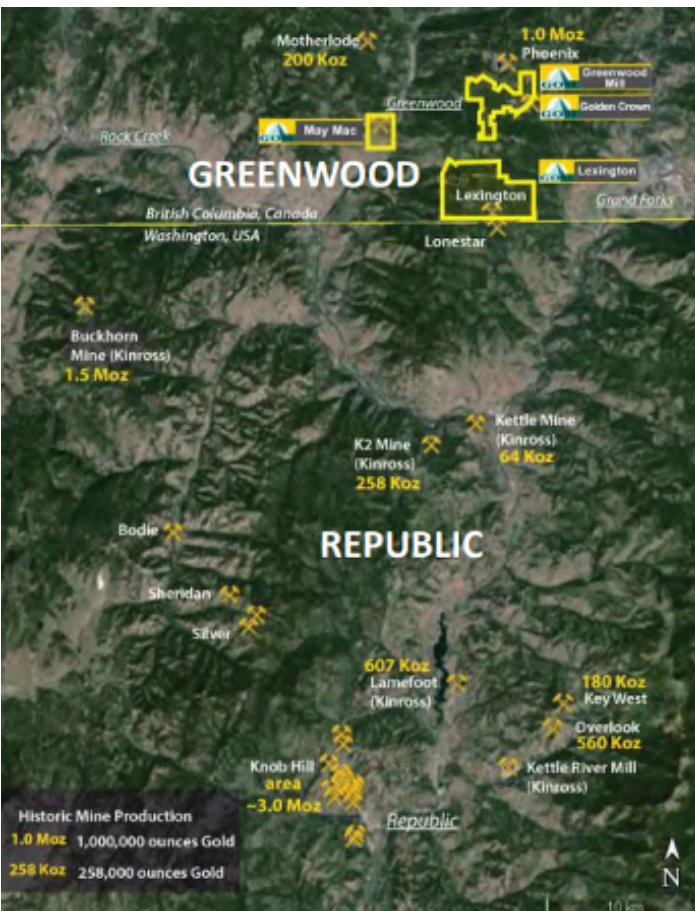
opportunities within its portfolio including Motherlode Gold Project, Dayton East and the Sapho Project. The Motherlode is a historic renovation story with some encouraging drill intervals: 6.07 g/t Au and 15.13 g/t Ag across 4.5 m core length. This project has had a great deal of work but there is further work needed below the current drill intervals.

The Dayton East and Sapho Project are porphyry style with some early stage work: drilling, IP and grab samples to build upon.

The key property we are waiting on though is Ket 28, which is close to the Fiore Gold project with its 2 million ounce M&I resource in Northern Washington's Republic/Eureka Mining District, adjacent to concessions held by Hecla Mining and infrastructure held by Kinross Gold.

#### KET 28

This is Grizzly's key precious metals project which is what the market is eager to uncover. Historic Drilling from the mid 1990's intersected high-grade gold with **52.18 grams per tonne ("g/t") Au over 3.35 m**. Drilling has been completed and we are awaiting on assays from Ket 28. This area exists on the 'edge of a sizeable deep-seated magnetic feature that is likely indicative of an intrusion -mineralization in Paleozoic Anarchist rocks.' Geological modeling along with



#### FLAGSHIP PROPERTIES GREENWOOD

The Greenwood Project is 10 kilometres from the Buckhorn Gold Mine, Kinross' producing gold mine in the US, which had a 1.2 million oz gold resource at 16 grams/tonne of gold ("g/t Au") at production in 2010. The company boasts other joint venture

trenching and historical drill results lead the team to 15 drill targets with some strong results: 8.91 g/t over 6.1 m and 52.18 g/t Au over 3.35 m.

Other previous drill holes at Ket 28 yielded 11.9 g/t Au over 2 m along with 2.77 g/t Au over 11 m and 1.02 g/t Au over 13.5 m.

Brian Testo, CEO, Grizzly Discoveries Inc., commented,

**“** I'm pleased to announce that our 2020 drill program was completed on time and on-budget with 15 drill-holes from the Ket 28 property. Samples are now being prepared for laboratory assay analysis, with results expected by year-end. We are eagerly awaiting the results from the expanded program and look forward to incorporating this data into our geological model and developing our initial resource estimate of gold mineralization at Ket 28. **”**

### ROBOCOP PROPERTY, BC



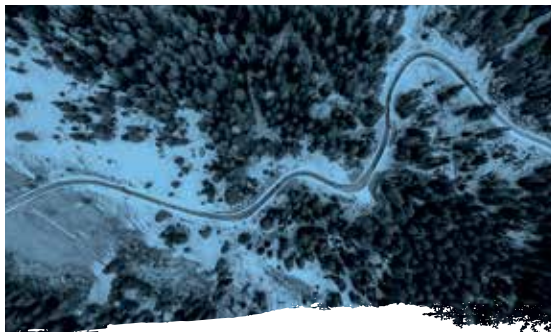
This property has a lot of history and is close to Fernie and Cranbrook on the BC side of the US border. This is copper, cobalt and silver. Significant historic cobalt-copper-silver (Co-Cu-Ag) in soil anomalies have been identified on the Robocop Property. In 2018, Grizzly conducted and completed a two-week surface exploration program in advance of a follow-up airborne geophysical survey.

- Miller Creek showings yielded up to 1.41% Cu, 0.62% Cu and 0.015% Co from three separate grab samples.

- Phillips Creek South returned up to 0.09% Cu and 0.01% Co in limited

rock grab sampling from an area with no history of anomalous Cu-Co mineralization.

- Sampling the main Robocop showings confirmed previous anomalous results with grab samples returning up to 1.46% Cu and 0.036% Co in two separate samples in the area of the historic trenching and drilling located in the Fort Steele Mining District. Existing logging roads throughout the property 5 km from the Highway 93 and power lines.



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<p><b>BRIAN TESTO</b> President, CEO, Director</p> <p>Mr. Testo, founder of the Company, is an Alberta-based businessman who has been involved in mineral exploration and prospecting in Alberta and British Columbia for over 25 years.</p>	<p><b>IAN LAMBERT</b> Chief Operating Officer</p> <p>Mr. Lambert is a well known Toronto-based resource development executive with over 30 years experience managing public companies in the mining, oil &amp; gas, technology and life science sectors. Mr. Lambert was formerly CEO and Director for 21 years of Trade Winds Ventures Inc., a TSX Venture Top 50 company.</p>	<p><b>JEREMY STRAUTMAN</b> Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Mr. Strautman, a graduate of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology's Bilingual Business Administration-Accounting Program, has been involved in accounting and administration for the junior mineral exploration industry since 2005.</p>	<p><b>MICHAEL DUFRESNE</b> M.Sc., P.Geol., P.Geo. Consultant</p> <p>Mr. Dufresne is a partner with APEX Geoscience Ltd., an established geological consulting company. His experience includes diamonds, gold and base metal exploration in Alberta, B.C., Nunavut, NWT and Australia.</p>
<p><b>JIM GREIG,</b> DIRECTOR &amp; ADVISOR</p> <p>Mr. Greig holds an MBA from the University of Calgary, a BA from Carleton University and +20 years of experience in the resource sector. Selected international resource sector engagements include Keegan Resources, Brilliant Mining, Hunter-Dickinson Group, Kennecott, Breakwater Resources, McIntosh and Stantec Engineering.</p>	<p><b>RAY WYTNICK</b> Director</p> <p>Mr. Wytznick holds a Master's of Science degree from the University of Manitoba and has been active in the Agri-business sector for over 25 years.</p>	<p><b>DR. SOLOMON (SAM) PILLERSDORF</b> Director</p> <p>Dr. Pillersdorf has been involved in the mining sector for over 10 years, including funding start-up mining companies and sourcing and funding resource claims.</p>	<p><b>JO PRICE</b> M.Sc., MBA, P.Geo Director</p> <p>Ms. Price is an independent geological consultant to junior mining and exploration companies with more than 20 years in the field. She has worked on multiple gold, poly-metallic, and graphite projects in the USA, Australia, and Canada.</p>

- Geological modelling using data from 15 historic drill holes and 325 samples returning Cu, Ag, Au, Co.
- 2020 Work Program: 1. 200-line km airborne survey 2. soil sampling program 3. 1,000 m diamond drill program

The company has amassed a wealth of expertise and equally as important is its credibility with well known and respected Brian Testo as President, CEO and Director, Ian Lambert former CEO of Trade Winds Ventures, bought by Detour Gold, and Michael Dufresne, who is a partner at Apex Geoscience. The importance of the above not only captures the experience of the team, but the actions of the team over the years is what speaks to its credibility. The company has run a tight, clean operation during extremely difficult times and has done right by shareholders. This sounds obvious to many people that are new to junior investing, but make no mistake, this is only indicative of solid management.

- Region has a 100-year mining history.
- Trench samples 1.63% Cu, 1,010 ppm Co and 1.93 % Cu, 579 ppm Co over 6 m.
- Previous historical drilling has yielded 1.04 Cu, 0.148 % Co over 2.0m (2.9% CuEq).




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- Acquisition of Electrum's 60% interest in the CLM Project for US\$15M in cash & share payments
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**Near-Term Resource Growth Opportunity**

- Near-term resource growth target of 30-35Mt at 80-120 g/t Ag and 4-8% Pb/Zn (+350Mozs AgEq)<sup>2</sup>
- 10,000m drill program complete, with an emphasis on high-grade silver targets. Assay's pending

**Oro Cu-Mo-Au Project, New Mexico, USA:**


- Cu-Mo-Au Porphyry Target – multiple drill-ready targets within a six sq.km alteration footprint
- Z-TEM survey over entire property completed and evaluated, additional claim stake

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**CAPITAL STRUCTURE**

Grizzly has spent just over \$8M to date and over 25% owned by management. This certainly qualifies the 'skin in the game' commitment we like to see in companies. The fact that the company has just over 86.5 million shares out (fully diluted) illustrates how management streamlined operational costs, staying lean over hard years. The investors have never seen a rollback! This company has kept its commitment to its investor base and are sitting awaiting results within weeks. This is the team you want to see win and there are strong indications that they are on to some positive developments.

On a final note, it is always important to address potential issues with First Nations, and Grizzly Discoveries says that they have full cooperation and

partnership with bands in the area, that they are an active partner with First Nations. This is a company to keep an eye on. We will be awaiting results and will keep you informed.

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# THE PENULTIMATE PROXIMITY PLAY: SCOTTIE RESOURCES CORP.



By David O'Brien

In the last few articles about **Scottie Resources Corp. (SCOT: TSX-V, SR8: FSE)** we were always impressed with CEO Bradley Rourke's unbridled enthusiasm for the *Scottie Gold Project's* potential... and drill results are re-confirming continually that anticipation.

Here are the most recent from an October 6th News Release:

**“Scottie Resources** Reports Initial Drill Results, Including 109.4 g/t Gold and 32.4 g/t Silver over 2.53 meters on O-Zone Target

CEO, Bradley Rourke commented: *“The 2020 drill results continue to intersect gold and silver mineralization. Drilling at Blueberry and the O-Zone continues to expand mineralization down dip and along strike beyond previous extents.”*

Table 1: Selected results from Blueberry

Drill Hole	From (m)	To (m)	Width* (m)	Gold (g/t)	Silver (g/t)	Area	
SR20-21	223.05	223.98	0.93	1.82	8.94	Blueberry	
SR20-22	143.00	171.74	<b>28.74</b>	1.79	1.66	Blueberry	
	<i>including</i>	147.00	152.00	<b>5.00</b>	4.97	4.02	Blueberry
	<i>and including</i>	149.00	150.00	1.00	<b>13.1</b>	8.87	Blueberry
<i>including</i>	169.50	171.74	2.24	3.42	1.14	Blueberry	
SR20-23	122.00	166.00	<b>44.00</b>	2.05	1.06	Blueberry	
	<i>including</i>	122.00	125.00	3.00	4.24	3.11	Blueberry
	<i>including</i>	142.50	143.50	1.00	<b>30.50</b>	6.87	Blueberry
	<i>including</i>	165.00	166.00	1.00	<b>9.50</b>	0.36	Blueberry
SR20-27	92.81	93.97	1.16	1.32	9.11	Scottie Gold Mine O-Zone	
	<i>and including</i>	197.97	200.5	2.53	<b>109.4</b>		32.4
	<i>and including</i>	224.15	224.8	0.65	<b>86.2</b>		26.7

\*true width is estimated to be 80-90% of interval width

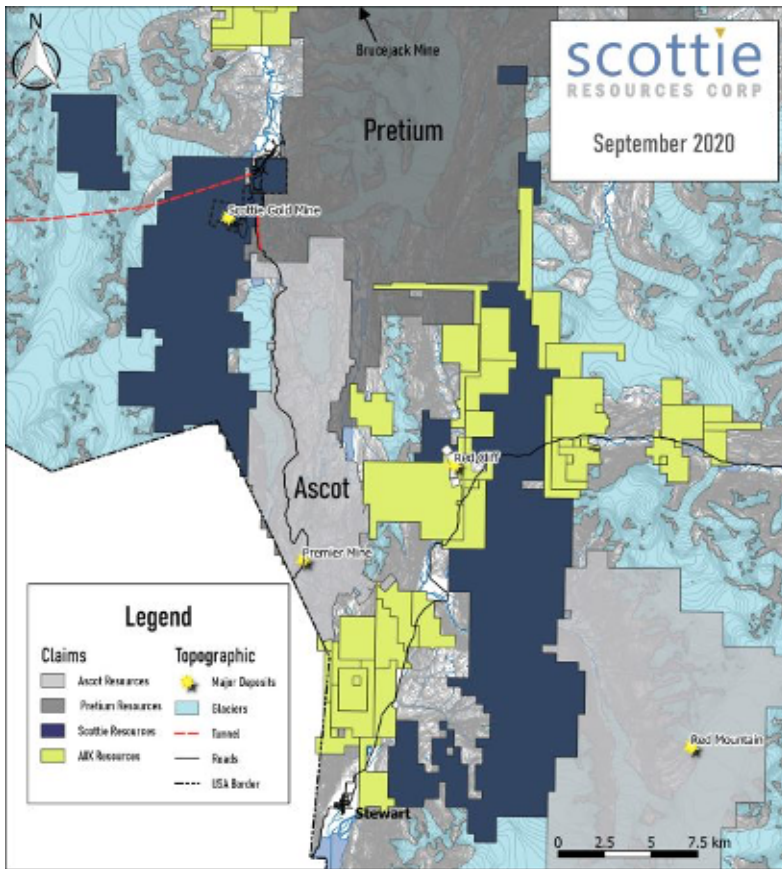
and O-zone drill holes received this season. Below, Dr. Thomas Mumford, VP Exploration, outlines the company's expectations for the next three months:

- Release of 45 diamond drill holes from a variety of targets on the Scottie Gold Project (total of 7040 m of drilling)
- Follow up drilling on 2019 successes (Blueberry Vein, Scottie Gold Mine, Bend Vein)
- Testing new zones (Domino, 6oz zone)
- Receive preliminary induced polarization (IP) results
- Receive preliminary airborne electromagnetic (EM) results
- Release of surficial sampling results and geological interpretations from new mapping

Earlier this year we reported Dr. Mumford's projections in our **eNews**: **“Dr. Thomas Mumford**, P. Geo. V.P. Exploration says “To an outsider looking at our surficial dataset, the spatial distribution and sheer abundance of grab samples in excess of 10 g/t gold is inspiring... so many potential drill targets that deserve testing. The real challenge is determining which ones have the likelihood of delivering both grade and size. With our new discovery of the Domino Zone, we see a clear pathway to deliver both.

**“** *Scottie's land package is wholly contained in the lower portion of the Golden Triangle, and has all the key components found in neighbouring mines necessary to advance it quickly. Road accessible, in an ideal geological setting, including an under-explored past-producing mine, with abundant highly-prospective targets... that have only recently become accessible due to glacial retreat.* **”**

“Situating between **Ascot Resources Ltd. (AOT: TSX-V)**'s Premier Gold Project and **Pretium Resources Inc. (PVG: TSX & NYSE)**'s Brucejack Mine, our land package includes some of the most prospective rocks in the southern **Golden Triangle**. Our flagship property, the



Scottie Gold Project has the right geological setting, is road accessible, and contains an under-explored, past-producing mine that **averaged 16 g/t gold.**"

From **SCOT's** website: "Dr. Mumford is a registered professional geologist with Engineers and Geoscientists - British Columbia (EGBC). Dr. Mumford has served as a lecturer at Carleton University and British Columbia Institute of Technology.

He holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. from University of New Brunswick, and was awarded the Leopold Gélinas medal for the best M.Sc. thesis from the GAC Volcanology and Igneous Petrology division. He also holds a Ph.D. from Carleton University focused on magmatic controls for the Thor Lake REE deposit in the Northwest Territories." **Pretty strong resume...**

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# CLEAN AIR METALS: SUPERIOR BATTERY METALS FOUND NEAR THUNDER BAY

By Ethan Reyes

**A**t 7 p.m. every evening, during the height of the coronavirus pandemic's first wave, residents clattered and changed their support for essential workers, likely



unaware that, alongside doctors and nurses, another group of workers toiled tirelessly to keep the country afloat: miners.

Deemed an essential part of the global mineral supply chain, domestic explorers like Clean Air Metals were given permission to continue operations by the Ontario government. While many businesses have seen their operations grounded during this time, Clean Air has had its hands full.

The company recently announced promising drill results from its wholly-owned Thunder Bay North project, comprised of three claim blocks and nearly 45,000 hectares in an area known for its richness in palladium group metals (PGM), copper and nickel.

Intercepts include 27.9m of 4.67 g/t palladium, 3.39 g/t platinum, 1.67% copper and 0.90% nickel. On news of encouraging results, Clean Air will be drilling an additional 10,000 metres to their drill program, increasing the total depth to 30,000 metres.

Naturally, safety precautions were established to reduce the likelihood

of transmission between workers: The company returned to work in late May with two drills instead of three, and eliminated the work camp concept completely.

All of Clean Air's workers are from the Thunder Bay region, commuting to work each day rather than living in close proximity to one another. Half of the company's drilling workforce is Aboriginal as part of the company's commitment to supporting local indigenous groups and preserving ancestral territory.

Clean Air Metals derives its name from the assortment of elements found on its two recently consolidated properties, each important in the fight against global warming.

Palladium and platinum are both integral to the construction of catalytic converters, emissions-reducing components of internal combustion engines, while nickel and copper are two of precious battery metals powering the EV revolution.

"Metals like nickel and conductors like copper form the motor core of electric motors and connects all the components in an EV. There's something like 200 pounds of copper in an electric vehicle," said Abraham Drost, director and CEO of Clean Air metals.

While it is projected that over 50% of passenger vehicles sold by 2040 will be electric, internal combustion will continue to be a means of transportation for the near-term, especially while companies other than Tesla struggle to establish their own market share.

"Besides reading about the EV revolution every day, we also read about a very substantial battery metal supply shortage, so significant that the U.S. has named certain battery metals strategic to their economy," Drost said.

Clean Air's CEO says it's this dynamic which makes PGM-focused mining plays so compelling: The nature of the deposits provides a natural hedge against the volatility of a global market transitioning from total dependency





on fossil fuels. As demand for PGMs decreases, the value of nickel and copper deposits increase accordingly.

“If 55% EV penetration is the end goal, internal combustion engines may never really go away. And so the key is minimizing the impact, and that’s where the increased palladium loading comes in,” Drost says.

Clean Air is angling to supply palladium to a market which has long been clamouring for broader supply networks. The approximately 10-million ounce a year palladium market was undersupplied by 1.2 million ounces in 2019, according to Reuters, the largest deficit in five years.

Historic estimates of Clean Air’s Current Lake deposit total 741,000 ounces platinum and palladium in 9.8M tonnes at 2.3 g/t PtEq Indicated, but Drost says his company is currently working to update their project’s historic estimate using modern survey methods.

In conjunction with Nordmin Engineering, a technical services

provider, the company is aiming to complete a NI 43-101 compliant resource update in the first quarter of 2021 and a preliminary economic assessment in the second quarter of the same year.

One of Clean Air’s advantages lies in the sunk costs paid by the properties’ previous owners, Rio Tinto Exploration and Panoramic Resources, which spent nearly \$100 million on the project. Drost said his company now has a fully drilled-off deposit to work with, freeing up investment elsewhere.

“They used an open pit model, and it was well drilled off, but I need to emphasize that when that model was calculated, the metal price of palladium was USD\$512 per ounce. The metal price of palladium today is \$2,200 US per ounce,” Drost said.

Additionally, both Rio Tinto and Panoramic planned on using a pit mining model which, combined with the weak economics at the time and the logistics and social ramifications of diverting the existing lake water, likely

led to the properties never reaching production, according to Drost. With modern mining techniques, the resource can be developed through less environmentally destructive ramp-accessible underground means in accordance with Clean Air’s commitment to sustainability with nearby Indigenous groups.

This includes the Fort William First Nation, the Red Rock First Nation and Biinjitiwabik Zaaging Anishnabek First Nation who Clean Air has pledged a commitment to with respect to employment and other economic opportunities.

In a conversation with a local Indigenous treaty council member, Drost said he heard something which continues to inform his thinking about his company’s resource and the land it’s found on.

“ He said, ‘look, we all have scars. Scars on the landscape are one thing, but water is the blood of Mother Earth; don’t touch the blood.’ ”

## Well Known PGE-Nickel-Copper District with Operating Mines

### 100%-Owned Thunder Bay North Project

#### Current Lake Pt-Pd-Cu-Ni Deposit

Historic Estimate (2011 PEA) on Current Lake PGE-Ni-Cu Deposit of 9.8M tonnes at 2.3 g/t PtEq (Pd price US\$512)

#### Escape Lake Pt-Pd-Cu-Ni Deposit

Initial discovery of 33.4 meters at 7.28 g/t Pt+Pd and 2.26% Cu+Ni

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# FREEGOLD VENTURES: HOLES 3 TO 5 SOLID RESULTS AND A BIT OF CONTROVERSY

By Brad Aelicks



## **B** RAD AELICKS: FOLLOW UP COVERAGE 2020.11.13

**INTRODUCTION:**  
Freegold Ventures Ltd (TSX:FVL) released results November 10th 2020 for Hole #'s 3, 4 and 5 of the 2020 drill program at the company's Golden Summit project just outside of Fairbanks Alaska and 5km from Kinross Gold's Fort Knox deposit.

The junior market is always very edgy this time of year and last Mondays \$100 drop in the gold price had investors even more nervous than normal. There is a lot riding on these results for Freegold as the company pushes forward to prove their Golden Summit property can evolve into a Tier 1 asset being greater than 10 million ounces of gold.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Golden Summit property has seen continued resource expansion since the inaugural 2011 resource was issued. By August 2013 Freegold published a non pit constrained resource of 6,524,000 ounces of gold as categorized below.

The Dolphin Stock resource is contained predominantly within a uniform intrusive granite body with a modest grade of about 0.63 grams gold but remains wide open for expansion. In fact, the Hole #1 discovery, in 2020 collared just north of the resource proved there may be a much higher-grade bigger prize potential in the sediments surrounding the intrusive to add to that 6,524 million ounces of gold.

Before we go there, I'd like to review one more critical component. Within that 6,524 million ounce resource, in January 2016 Freegold completed a Preliminary Economic Assessment (PEA) within a conceptual pit using a 0.30 gram

cut off and demonstrated 2,947,000 ounces of gold at an average grade of 0.69 grams gold as broken out below.

Au Cut-off (g/t)	Tonnes >Cut-off (tonnes)	Grade > Cut-off		
		Au (g/t)	Contained	
			kg Au	oz Au
0.20	82,650,000	0.58	47,610	1,531,000
0.25	71,140,000	0.63	45,030	1,448,000
<b>0.30</b>	<b>61,460,000</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>42,410</b>	<b>1,363,000</b>

*Dolphin Zone Indicated Resource within Conceptual Pit*

Au Cut-off (g/t)	Tonnes >Cut-off (tonnes)	Grade > Cut-off		
		Au (g/t)	Contained	
			kg Au	oz Au
0.20	95,920,000	0.58	55,350	1,779,000
0.25	82,910,000	0.63	52,400	1,685,000
<b>0.30</b>	<b>71,500,000</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>49,260</b>	<b>1,584,000</b>

*Dolphin Zone Inferred Resource within Conceptual Pit*

### **DOLPHIN/CLEARY ZONE INDICATED RESOURCE (Total)**

Au Cut-off (g/t)	Tonnes	Au (g/t)	Contained	
			kg Au	ozs Au
			0.30	79,800,000
0.35	68,170,000	0.71	48,610	1,563,000

### **DOLPHIN/CLEARY ZONE INFERRED RESOURCE (Total)**

Au Cut-off (g/t)	Tonnes	Au (g/t)	Grade	
			Contained	
			kg Au	ozs Au
0.30	248,060,000	0.61	150,570	4,841,000
0.35	213,530,000	0.65	139,440	4,483,000

The importance of this study demonstrated just this small part of the deposit would produce 98,000 ounces gold per year for 24 years with peak production of 150,000 ounces at a cash cost of \$842 using only a \$1300 gold price. A key parameter disclosed was the operating cost per tonne of just \$18.11 for the sulphide ore and only \$14.90 per tonne for the oxide ore.

The PEA also indicates that the first phase of production postulates a heap leach operation for the oxide ore (as did

the Fort Knox comparative which sits only 5km south east) with estimated capital cost of only \$88 million that would last for 8 years. There are 528,000 ounces in the first phase of oxide production at an average grade of 0.63 grams gold. At current gold prices of US\$1850 that is \$37.48 per tonne as compared to the \$14.90 it would cost to mine and leach it. Further confirmation is knowing that Kinross at its Fort Knox deposit is using a 0.1g/t gold cut off at their pit with a head grade of 0.33 grams per tonne gold according to their Dec 2017 43-101report

**THE NEW DISCOVERY**

On May 6th 2020 Freegold announced results for GSDL 2001, Hole 1 with 257 m of 2.94 grams per tonne gold including 188m of 3.69 grams per tonne gold, which included high grade sections of 2m of 169 grams gold with the last 20 meters grading 9.87 grams gold. The hole was collared just north of the mineralization in the PEA and drilled to the north. The huge improvement in grade came from the altered sedimentary host rocks that surround the Dolphin intrusive.

Free Gold 2020 Drill Summary from Golden Summit				
Hole #	From meters	To meters	Interval meters	Gold Grade grams/tonne
Hole 1	290.6	548	257.4	2.94
	360	548	188	3.69
	365	367	2	169.5
	528	548	20	9.87
Hole 2	156	168	12	2.3
	270	507	237	0.87
	270	319.7	49.7	0.93
	370	507	136.4	1.02
Hole 3	21	54	33	1.32
	306	452.1	146.1	0.8
	504	507	3	107
	525	580.5	55	0.95
Hole 4	19.5	84	64.5	0.67
	252	420	168	0.78
	327	420	93	0.93
Hole 5	18	591	573	1.21
	273	591	318	1.83
	472	591	119	3.78
	588	591	3	131.5

**GOLDEN TRIANGLE "PIZZA THEORY"**

1. Tatogga > 1,200,000m of Drilling  
Red Chris, Saddle, GJ, North ROK  
37 million oz Gold  
23 billion lbs Copper

2. Galore > 800,000m of Drilling  
Galore Creek, Schaff Creek, Copper Canyon  
21 million oz Gold  
16 billion lbs Copper  
261 million oz Silver

3. Eskay > 1,500,000m of Drilling  
Eskay Creek, Grip, Quartz Rise  
10 million oz Gold  
250 million oz Silver

4. Sulphurets > 2,500,000m of Drilling  
KSM, Brucejack, Snowfield, Treaty Creek  
65 million oz Gold  
25 billion lbs Copper  
200 million oz Silver

5. Stewart > 2,000,000m of Drilling  
Premier, Granduc, Red Mountain, Scotie  
5 million oz Gold  
500 million lbs Copper  
80 million oz Silver

**Newmont Lake = 38,000m of Drilling**

Stewart 25%  
Sulphurets 31%  
Tatogga 15%  
Eskay 19%  
Galore 10%  
NML >1%

Think of the Golden Triangle as a pizza slice. Millions of metres of drilling & expansive exploring has discovered billions of \$'s in metals all within these 5 major "pepperoni" camps yet Enduro Metal's Newmont Lake project has only 38,000m. Stay tuned.

> The drill holes showed pervasive silicification and veinlets throughout the sediments as well as the high-grade veins referenced above.

This exciting new discovery rocketed the stock to \$1.95 per share but delays in the lab and Covid precautions with a Canadian company operating in Alaska using Canadian drillers created extraordinary delays and Freegold's share price has corrected significantly with the rest of the market.

We're finally starting to get a steady flow of news with 5 holes being released from the 2020 program and confirmation of the discovery would leave investors with an exceptional 2nd chance to gain exposure to this monster historical/ global resource opportunity of 6.524 million ounces @ 0.63 grams gold.

#### LET'S REVIEW PROGRESS TO DATE

At first blush these are, imo, outstanding numbers in every regard. Here's my take-away after a thorough review.

**First:** The plan map shows these holes are not small step outs, they are starting to define an area over 200m wide east to west between hole 2 and

hole 4 and 110m north south between hole 1 and hole 5.

**Second:** These are monster mineralized intercepts:

- Each hole has at least one intercept of a minimum 146 meters.
- All holes have multiple intercepts or are continuously mineralized.
- Adding the total mineralized meterage for each hole and then averaging the intercepts of the 5 holes delivers an impressive 309.8m.
- The weighted average grade of those intercepts as reported is an impressive 1.54 grams per tonne gold.

But wait, the bull boards became bear boards on Tuesday after an irresponsible post claimed that the one intercept in Hole 5 was smearing the 3 meters of high grade over the length of the hole and the writer claimed when removing that intercept, the company had Sweet F All. Although the point is worth looking at, it is absolutely ridiculous to imagine the company throwing out 3m of 131.5 grams gold no matter where it lays within the 119 m of continuous mineralization let alone the 573 meters of mineralization that it lies within.

Any concern over the influence of high-grade intercepts within a drill hole or deposit is commonly addressed on projects by cutting any one-off high-grade intercepts to come in line with other notable intercepts. So, I posed the question to Freegold's management and I was told that during their 43-101 reporting process the ultra high grade should be cut to 88 grams per tonne gold. This is still too high for my liking so I'll take you through an exercise below cutting the high grades from over 4 and 5 ounces per tonne to 1 ounce per tonne.

If we take a look at these five holes, three of them report intercept grades over 100 grams per tonne gold. Hole 1 with 2m of 169.5gpt gold, Hole 3 with 3m of 107gpt gold and Hole 5, with 3m of 131.5gpt gold. **The average of these intercepts is actually 136 grams gold - and we're not talking about 30 cm single assays here - these are 2- and 3-meter wide intercepts.**

These intercepts alone make the drill holes incredibly successful no matter what the bulk tonnage zones are. But just to be absolutely sure I cut the assays and recalculated the huge-mineralized intercepts to see if the bulk tonnage expansion into the sediments remains a viable target. I didn't use the companies suggested 88 grams either. I slashed the high-grade down to the bone, to 10z or 31.1 grams gold. Here's what I got.

Now it's important to understand that I don't have access to the raw data and cutting these intervals using the raw data could be slightly different. None the less, after completing the exercise, you can see that only 2 of the holes are even affected, Holes 1 and 5, since the Hole 3 intercept of 3 m of 107 grams gold was a stand-alone interval (outside the zone) and the bulk tonnage intercepts remain the same grade, 1.32 grams over 33m, 0.8 grams over 146.5m and 0.95 grams gold over 55m. Both of the other holes delivered resounding results that are equivalent to or significantly better than the existing global, historic resources of 6.524 million ounces at 0.63 grams and dwarf the numbers being mined only 5km away at Fort Knox's 0.33 grams per tonne gold. In fact, **the average mineralized intercepts across the 5 holes after cutting the high-grade still delivers 309 meters of 1.02 grams gold, 50% better than the Dolphin**



Free Gold 2020 Drill Intercepts High Grade Cut to 1oz gold 31.1grams

Hole #	From meters	To meters	Interval meters	Gold Grade uncut	Gold Grade Cut to 1oz
Hole 1	290.6	548	257.4	2.94	1.87
	360	548	188	3.69	2.22
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**Stock grade and over 3x the grade at Fort Knox!**

**Third:** Freegold is building ounces incredibly quickly. If we take the area

of influence of the 5 holes 250 m east to west and 150 m north south with 309m of mineralized intercepts at 2.68 specific gravity then cut the volume in half as currently this is a triangular wedge and not a rectangle yet, we arrive at 15.53 million tonnes of influence. After cutting the high grade to 1oz Golden Summit could expect to deliver a minimum 509,000 ounces at 1.02 grams gold. As Freegold continues to tighten the drill spacing and proves the continuity of the high-grade without

cutting, the average grade of 1.54 grams calculates to 769,000 ounces. At current prices \$1850 gold, Freegold may have just added between \$925 million and \$1.42 Billion in gross metal value with 5 holes. No matter which way you cut it (Pun intended) it's a long way from Sweet F All and could be the most cost-effective ounces drilled in North America this year.

**Fourth:** Every hole has delivered additive mineralization in the top 100m of their sections which will improve the economics and strip ratios of the previous Preliminary Economic Assessment discussed above. Freegold has not indicated how much of this is oxide or sulphide but they have announced additional work to be completed on metallurgical studies.

**Fifth:** Freegold has indicated at least 80 known high-grade gold occurrences on their property at least a half dozen of which have seen production at better than 1 ounce per tonne average. The current drilling

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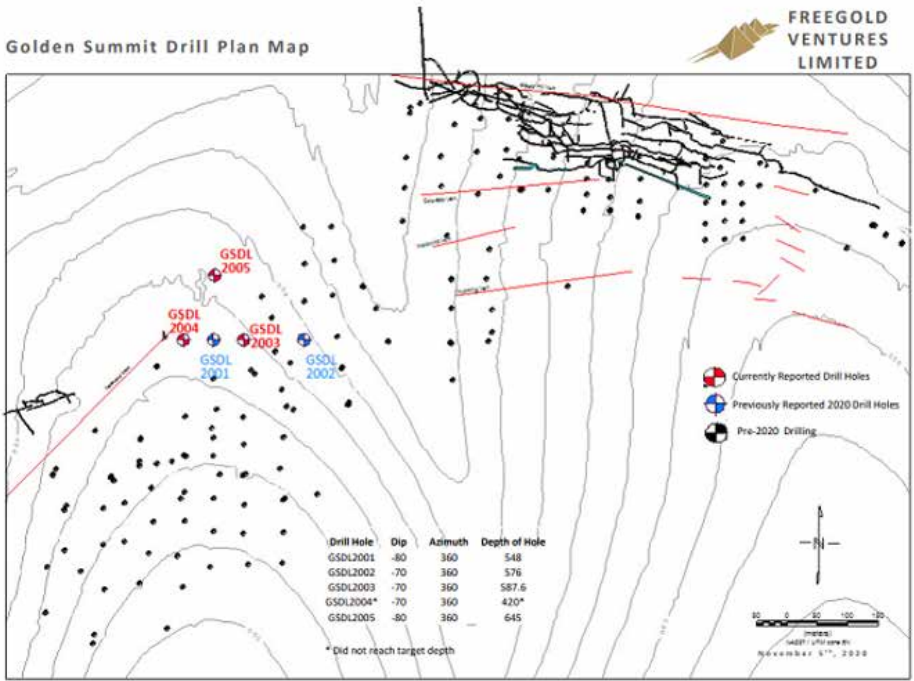
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**Summary:** Freegold is just getting out of the gates with results from this years program and although they have had their share of challenges with Covid-19 and lab turn around, the three drills they have turning will continue to bang out a combination of bulk tonnage and high grade intercepts for the foreseeable future as they move north and east towards the former high grade production areas. We will see intercepts from the Tolovana Vein the Wackwitz, Wyoming, Colorado and Cleary veins, as these veins all seem to converge in the current drilling area. Then in 2021 the company will ultimately be afforded the time to get a first look below, and on trend with, American Eagle, News Boy and Hi Yu mines.

Back stopped by a global historic resource of 6,524 million ounces of gold and \$30 million in cash, my money is on Freegold's Golden Summit Project cruising to plus 10 million ounces of gold. But the junior markets are a wild and woolly arena and the ups and downs are not for the faint of heart. The recent price correction along with the rest of the market appears to be an excellent

is demonstrating that these high-grade veins persist to at least 500m in depth and are often associated with pervasive silica flooding and quartz veinlets that provide opportunities for bulk underground mining no matter what level of pit floor is ultimately proven.



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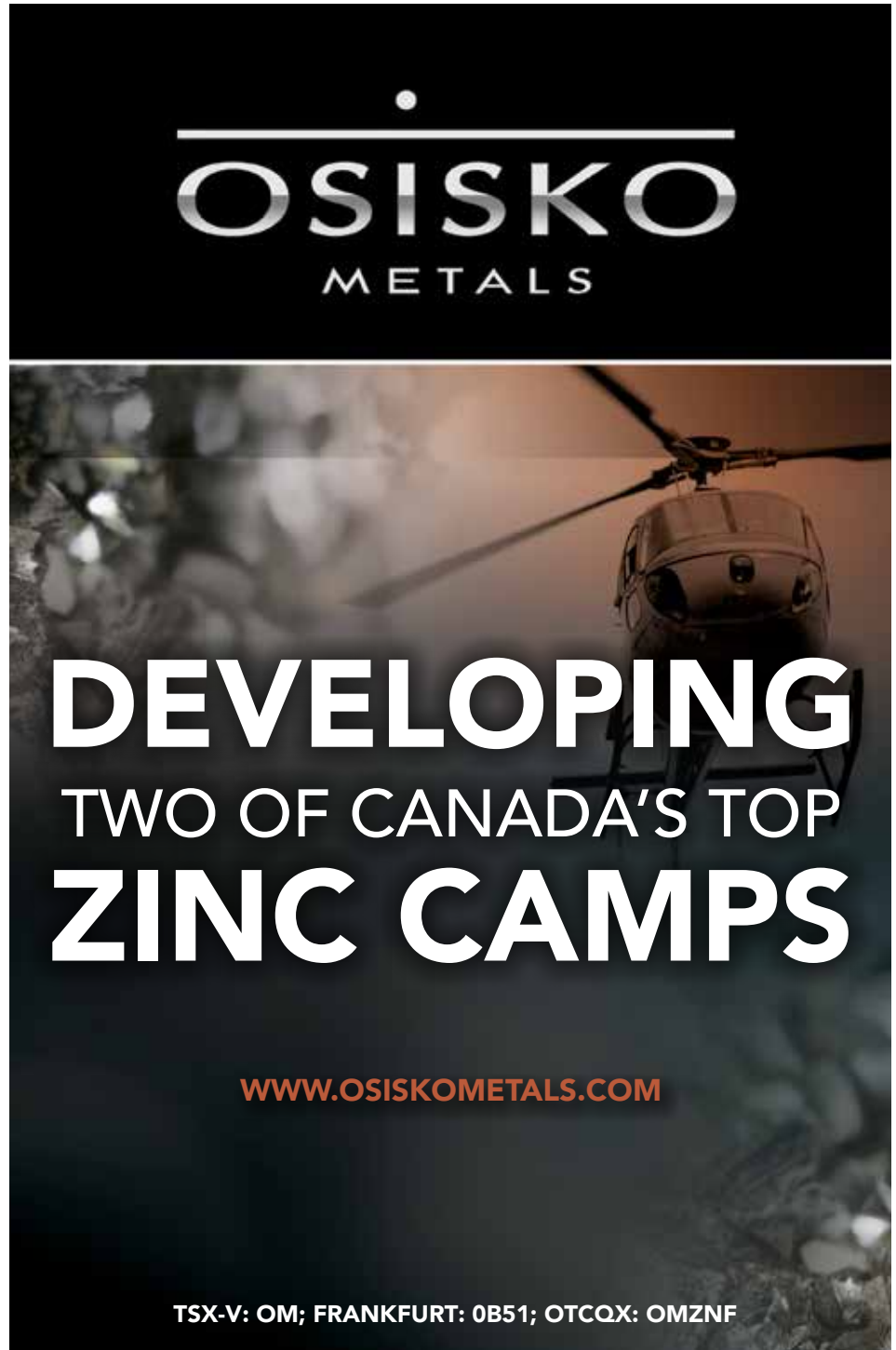
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# THIS GOLDEN PROMISE, PROMISES PLENTY OF GOLD

By Peter Krauth

**T**his is an exciting time to be a gold investor.

Not only is the precious metal up an astounding 80% since late 2015, but its stars are lining up for much higher prices in the months and years ahead.

That's because all of the fundamental drivers underpinning its recent strength are becoming even more entrenched.

There are numerous catalysts for higher prices in the near, medium, and longer term. They include a potentially chaotic US election, a growing second Covid wave, a weakening US dollar, rising social tensions, massive money printing, and zero to negative interest rates, to name a few.

As a result, junior gold explorers are launching into a perfect storm. Those with established resources in safe jurisdictions, and massive exploration upside, could become life-changing investments for early shareholders.

So investors would do well to consider how Great Atlantic Resources (TSXV:GR; FRA:PH01) offers all of these characteristics in spades.

**“**Great Atlantic is in an enviable position; its flagship project, Golden Promise, is in a top tier mining jurisdiction and has a current resource of over 120,000 gold ounces. Golden Promise is located on the prolific Central Newfoundland Gold Belt, just 45 km from Marathon Gold's 4 million gold oz. Valentine Gold Project. With a strong gold bull market ahead of us, we look forward to upcoming assay results from this year's ongoing drill campaign as we aim to grow the resource.**”**

Christopher Anderson, President, CEO & Director, Great Atlantic Resources.

## EXCEPTIONAL PROJECT IN TOP JURISDICTION

Great Atlantic Resources has several projects in Atlantic Canada, an excellent place to invest in exploration and mining.

In fact, the Fraser Institute's 2019 Annual Survey of Mining Companies ranked Newfoundland and Labrador in the top 10 jurisdictions in its Policy Perception Index. That's because the province's policy climate is amongst the most stable and attractive for the mining industry.

In fact, Great Atlantic's most advanced, highest priority and, at 16,500 hectares, its largest property, the Golden Promise Gold Project is on the Central Newfoundland Gold Belt.

This is significant because the property, which hosts multiple gold bearing quartz veins, is located in a region that has already demonstrated significant gold discoveries.

Not the least of these is Marathon Gold Corporation's (TSXV:MOZ) Valentine Gold Project, touted as the largest undeveloped gold resource in Atlantic Canada. Valentine is located approximately 45 km southwest of Golden Promise, and currently boasts a 4.2 million gold ounce resource and is being advanced towards development.

To put it mildly, this is an exciting time for a growing high-grade gold project, located in a top-notch jurisdiction, and demonstrating massive potential exploration upside.

## LATEST HAPPENINGS AT GOLDEN PROMISE

Back in February, management provided a summary of the Phase I drilling program at the Jaclyn Main Zone (JMZ). JMZ is a gold bearing quartz system,

which produced numerous successful intercepts, most near surface and within 100 meters of vertical depth.



Drill holes GP19-138 and GP19-143 intersected two gold bearing quartz veins with samples exceeding 10 g/t gold. Drill hole GP-19-140 intersected five gold-bearing quartz veins with samples from three veins exceeding 10 g/t gold.

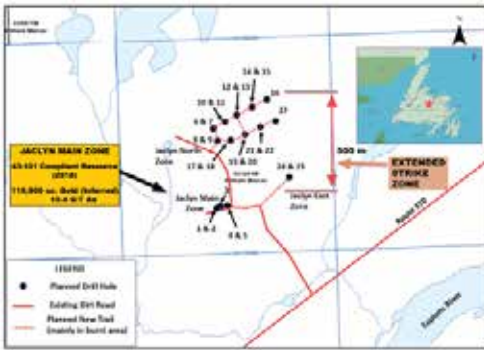
These are the highlights of near surface gold intersections from the 2019 drill program.

- GP19-137: 12.37 grams per tonne (g/t) gold over 1.90 meters
- GP19-138: 113.07 g/t gold over 0.55 meters.
- GP19-139: 15.80 g/t gold over 2.70 meters.
- GP19-140: 2.30 g/t gold over 25.25 meters (includes 5 gold bearing veins)
- GP19-144: 61.35 g/t gold over 2.04 meters.
- GP19-145: 14.49 g/t gold over 1.52 meters.

David Martin, VP Exploration for Great Atlantic Resources states, “the existence of multiple gold bearing veins in some drill holes, such as GP19-140, establishes the potential for local increased width and potential additional gold-bearing structures in this near-surface part of the JMZ.”

Shortly after this news was released, management announced it would soon submit an application for Phase 2 drilling





Promise Gold Property. By mid-August, the permit for Phase 2 diamond drilling was received. That allowed for a series of drill holes east of the JNZ along its projected strike, including areas of quartz boulders containing high grade gold. Consider that assays of quartz boulder samples excavated during 2017 east of the JNZ included very high grades at 163.9, 208.5 and 332.6 grams per tonne (g/t) gold.

in-fill drilling at the Jaclyn Main zone within the conceptual open pit area.

Exploration has been ongoing, and drilling is about to commence results are expected to follow shortly thereafter. The goal is to expand the current NI 43-101 compliant resource of 120,000 ounces averaging 10.4 g/t. It will be exciting to watch for results, as this could ignite shares.

Great Atlantic enjoys a tight share structure, with just under 10 million shares outstanding, a market cap just shy of \$6 million, and insiders and key shareholders owning over 30% of the company.

With that in mind, it's easy to see how positive drill results could dramatically move the needle on GR's share price.

Great Atlantic also has a number of other promising projects, including some that are under option with various exploration companies. Add in a sustained gold bull market with much higher gold prices, and all the pieces are in place for tremendous upside in Great Atlantic shares.

in 2020 on Golden Promise at the JMZ and east of the Jaclyn North Zone (JNZ).

Despite all the challenges that came along due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 exploration program began in May on several targeted areas. By mid-June, a second 2020 permit was received for soil geochemical and ground geophysical surveys, allowing for sampling within the southwest region of the Golden Promise Gold Property.

In early August, Great Atlantic made its final option payment of \$150,000 in cash to acquire 100% right, title and interest in and to the Golden

A private placement was announced in early September, whereby Great Atlantic would raise \$2 million by way of a non-brokered deal. Of that total, A majority is earmarked for property work for its Golden Promise Gold Property in Newfoundland, primarily for drilling and exploration. That financing closed late September, raising a total of \$2.24 million.

Phase 2 drilling at Golden Promise has allowed for up to 25 diamond drill holes at the Jaclyn Main Zone and the Jaclyn North Zone. Each hole could reach up to 200 meters, for a potential total of 5000 meters. The permit also allows for

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# JURISDICTIONAL RISK PAR – A LOOK AT ARGENTINA

By Peter Krauth

**W**hat is the first thing that pops into your mind when you think about Argentina? For some, it's Lionel Messi or football (soccer for those in North America).

For others, it's beef; I've been told that Argentina's steakhouses are among the best in the world.

For investors, it's most likely a thought about risk.

So why do investors associate Argentina with risk?

Since the 1930s, there have been issues with Argentina's economy.

It has been a constant struggle to manage its national debt, control inflation, and now, within the last 20 years, deal with the consequences of a default on the national debt in 2001.

Going back to the early 90s, Argentina dealt with their inflation issue by pegging the peso, at par, with the U.S. dollar.

Further, the government privatized numerous state-owned and operated businesses to stimulate the economy and, of course, provide a much needed boost to the government's treasury.

In 1998, however, things began to unwind, as debt continued to grow and the boom created by the privatization of the state-owned companies diminished.

Over the next 3 years, things progressively got worse, and eventually, it led to Argentina's now famous default on their national debt in 2001 – roughly US\$93 billion.

The situation spiralled out of control.

The peso took a massive hit.

Bank deposits were frozen.

The unemployment rate rose to over 22% and social unrest followed.

From this point onward, the country has never really been able to “right the ship” as they say.

To be honest, it really doesn't surprise me, either.

As debt levels begin to rise and reach or exceed that of GDP, historically speaking, there is no turning back.

Not only is rising debt an issue from an economic standpoint, but socially, easy money becomes a part of the culture – it's hard to break.

Applying this to Argentina's situation, I really see no discernible changes in the obviously flawed government policy that led to this mess.

You can't fix a debt issue with the same policies that created the issue in the first place.

Like so many countries, these days, governments have let their debt load rise to a point where they can't even service the interest (at reasonable rates) on the debt.

Rather than default, governments or central banks choose to lower interest rates and begin the process of spurring inflation.

Inflation, however, like most things in life, is a double-edged sword.

Yes, you are able to inflate away your debt by de-valuing your currency, but it comes at a high cost.

First, you can't control it.

Inflation isn't like a light, you can't turn it on and off at will.

Second, inflating away debt destroys the middle class, the very people whom government's say they are trying to help.

SIDE NOTE: It's estimated that Argentina's annual inflation is an astounding 40%. Remember, the U.S. Federal Reserve has openly stated on numerous occasions now that it wants to trigger inflation within the U.S. economy. Inflation will devalue the USD and, over time, allow payback and the servicing of the national debt. I understand the intrigue of the idea, but the fact is, it can't be controlled and, unfortunately, comes at a huge cost. Readers take note of the situation in Argentina and the numerous other

examples we have seen throughout history. None of the situations are exactly alike, some worse than others. Bottom line, it doesn't ever end well for the average Joe.

It's a crazy, never ending loop.

While Argentina is particularly bad at managing its debt, it isn't alone.

Most of the world, especially due to the Covid-19 pandemic, has elevated their debt levels to realms that are impossible to service at healthy or normal interest rates.

We are truly living at an interesting juncture in human history.

So, with this in mind, as resource investors I think that there are 2 main questions that need to be asked.

The Current Situation

First, from an economic standpoint, what is the current situation in Argentina?

Argentina continues to struggle with its current financial situation.

They have defaulted on their debt for a ninth time since 2001 and have an economy which is estimated to contract by 12% in 2020.

The latest default is linked to a US\$57B IMF bailout in 2018, which, at the time, was coined as a 'standby financing' which would allow the economy to recover and put Argentina in a position to begin paying off their debt.

The economic recovery didn't happen and the Covid-19 pandemic certainly hasn't helped, but is hardly the main reason for the failure.

It's obvious that this is a continuous loop of defaults, inflation and bailouts.

SIDE NOTE: Argentina's international credit rating with Standard & Poor, Fitch and Moody's is ranked alongside countries like Ecuador, Venezuela, Lebanon, and Congo. These aren't the

countries you want to be associated with when it comes to economic prosperity.

In eerily similar fashion, today, Argentina is in the midst of negotiations with the IMF on restructuring their debt and delaying payback until 2024.

This is a key negotiation for both parties.

From the IMF's view, they just want to get paid, and there's nothing wrong with that. My guess is that the IMF wants to find terms that don't completely tie the Argentine government's hands, but are stiff enough to prevent the chance of another default in the future.

As the Argentine government states, they don't want to default on their debt and this is why they are looking for further wiggle room in the payback structure.

In my view, prevention of a future default on debt is inextricably linked to a cut in government spending – without a doubt. With that said, given their past and the fact that there are midterm elections on the horizon, I find it highly unlikely that this will happen.

The government, however, has announced new stiffer capital controls, in addition to those adopted in 2019, which are aimed at stabilizing the country's foreign currency reserves.

The foreign currency reserves, mainly their holdings of USD, are vitally important because their debt is denominated by USD.

### Argentina's diverging peso

Argentine currency controls have supported the peso, but have driven savers to informal markets to buy dollars, pushing up the price on the black market and creating a wide gap with the official rate.



Source: Refinitiv Eikon

The official exchange rate – 74ish Pesos to 1 USD.

Citizens are being dissuaded from purchasing USD and selling pesos, and at the moment, they can only acquire a maximum of US\$200 per month.

Further, there's a new 35% tax on USD denominated purchases, which is on top of the 30% solidarity tax that's already in place.

Corporations, like Argentina's citizens, are subject to similar controls that are aimed at diminishing the export of USD.

although new recent regulations were recently put in place to solve these issues, as mentioned below.

SIDE NOTE: The Peso is losing its value at such a high rate that nothing of significant value is priced in it – Real estate, vehicles or any other big ticket items are all priced in USD.

With rampant inflation and stringent capital controls, a black market for USD has sprung up.

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> The unofficial or black market rate – 150ish Pesos to 1 USD – and rising fast.

As you can see, for those looking to acquire more dollars or dollar denominated services/products, the cost is enormous.

Moreover, these restrictions, while bringing short-term stability to the foreign currency reserves, without a doubt, have cast further doubts about the investment attractiveness of Argentina.

**MINING INVESTMENT ATTRACTIVENESS OF ARGENTINA**

So now, as resource sector investors, what's the current mining investment attractiveness of Argentina?

This is a great question and the whole point of this article.

The fact is, if you just read the headlines surrounding the current risk in Argentina, you would be missing a big part of the equation.

As always, there's never a ubiquitous answer to any question, it always depends.

In this case, it depends on:

Type of Company – At the moment, junior mining companies that are exploring and/or developing projects are able to take advantage of the unofficial exchange rate between the Peso and U.S. dollar by completing what some of the companies call a “Blue Chip Swap (BCS)”.

A BCS is when a company imports USD into the country and invests it into blue chip stocks on the Argentine exchange.

After holding it for a period of time, they then liquidate the position and are able to take the cash out and convert it at the unofficial exchange rate – completely legal.

To note, all the companies that I spoke with use the official rate to set budgets. For companies that only burn cash, this is a major plus.

For producing companies, it's a little different.

As I stated earlier, there are restrictions on USD out flows – dividends, profits and debt payments.

With that said, the government has relaxed some of the restrictions in light of the importance of mining.

Reduce the export duty for mining exports from 12% on FOB value to 8% Include mining activity in the strategic plan for the reactivation of the Argentine Economy.

Further, the Central Bank Of Argentina (BCRA) stated the following in 'Comunicacion A 7123':

Foreign currency brought into Argentina and liquidated into pesos by export companies will enable those companies to: (i) pay off capital and interest of foreign loans (provided that repayment terms are greater than one year) and (ii) repatriate capital, which we understand includes dividends, from investment projects once they have started operations.

All this is subject to certain conditions (that the mining industry meets) such as the following: 1. The exports refer to productive projects that generate export goods and / or that allow substituting the import of goods; 2. The foreign currency from exports is entered into the country

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as from October 2, 2020; 3. Those who opt for this regime designate a financial entity that will do the follow-up. For those who opt for this regime, the amounts of foreign currency that they will be able to acquire for imports are also increased (50% of what is exported).

Location – As they say in real estate “location, location, location,” and the statement applies to the junior mining world.

As I mentioned in Part 1 of the series, it's key to understand the risks at the national level and work your way progressively down to the state or province then to the region or county, and finally, at the local town or city level.

As you progress toward the exact location of a prospective company's project, you will uncover any hidden risks at the upper levels.

In terms of Argentina, it's all about which province the project is located.

San Juan and Salta, in particular, are great provinces in which to be a mining company.

Both have the history, mining law and general positive attitude toward mining. Here's a look at how the Fraser Institute ranks mining investment attractiveness in Latin America.

As you can see, San Juan and Salta are ranked #2 and #4 in Latin America and only trail Chile and Peru, which are widely considered some of the best places in the world for mining investment.

In Argentina, the provinces control the mining law and collection of taxes, which are capped at 3% of revenue.

Now that we have an idea of Argentina's current situation and how it affects junior mining companies, it's pertinent to explore risks that may occur in the future.

I think there are 3 main risk factors that we need to explore:

Nationalization of Assets – The nationalization of assets is a very real risk. Unfortunately for investors in the resource sector, it does happen and, more specifically with Argentina, it has happened once fairly recently.

In 2012, the Argentine government voted to re-nationalize the country's largest oil company, YPF.

For context, YPF was once an entirely state-owned company until the spree of privatization in the 90s, which resulted in a large portion of the company being sold off to foreign interests.

The YPF privatization was highly criticized in Argentina since other countries in Latin America kept their state-owned oil & gas companies (Petrobras in Brazil, Pemex in México, etc.) in order to maintain sovereignty over these resources.

At the time, Christina Fernandez de Kirchner (now VP under Alberto Fernandez) was President and justified the re-nationalization on the grounds that the private company didn't boost the oil and natural gas production needed to keep up with local demand.

This move has and will continue to haunt Argentina moving forward.

So, are junior mining companies at risk of having their projects or mines nationalized?

No one can say 'yes' or 'no' without a doubt.

What I will say is that at least a portion of the risk is dependent upon the type of company.

In my view, the companies that are exploring or developing a project(s) in Argentina are less likely to see their projects nationalized than a producing mine.

Junior mining companies require both cash to burn and a niche skill set to effectively explore and develop projects.

I highly doubt this is an appealing prospect to a government.

Second, while the risk is higher for producing hard rock miners, I still think that there are many barriers to making nationalization an appealing alternative for governments.

Why nationalize and have to operate a mine when you can just tax it?

Further, while YPF is a recent example of nationalization in Argentina, I wasn't able to find an example of a fully private company that was nationalized by the government.

While I know the government is fully capable of stealing, I'm less inclined to believe that is the course of action they would prefer to take.

New Tax Regime – It's my contention that the greatest risk to mining companies within Argentina is the risk of increased taxes in the future.

A new tax regime could remove a good portion, if not all, of the profitability of a mine.

How likely is it to happen?

That's a really hard question to answer. There are a couple of scenarios that I think could make taking a larger chunk of the mining company profits tempting.

A major spike in the metal prices – In my view, mining is one of the few sectors that I think will show major growth over the next few years. This growth will be driven by high metal prices.

Brink of another default – As I mentioned, I don't see any dramatic policy changes related to spending coming anytime soon. This is a problem moving forward as it appears that their current loop of borrow, inflate, and default will most likely continue into the future without a drastic change to how the country is run.

While the threat of higher taxes is a risk to mining companies in Argentina, it may only be a threat to future mines.

It should be noted that junior mining companies, by current law, lock in tax rates for 30 years of production once a Feasibility Study (FS) has been completed on their project.

Now, this doesn't mean laws can't be changed – they can be.

But I can't help but think that the fallout of such measures would cause much more damage than any short-term gain.

Ecuador is a great example for Argentina. Their institution of a windfall tax had devastating effects on the mining sector. With a new government in place, the impact of the windfall tax was re-assessed and, with the help of Wood Mackenzie, Ecuador revamped their tax regime to better reflect best practices worldwide.

Low and behold, investment dollars from investors and major mining companies have begun to flow back into the country.

Ecuador is by no means a perfect jurisdiction for mining, but it's getting better and has outstanding geological potential.

> Mining is a huge part of Argentina's economy, especially in provinces like San Juan and Salta where mining accounts for more than 80% of the province's revenue. They can hardly afford to lose it.

For perspective, for every US\$1 that leaves the country because of mining, US\$24 comes in.

Higher taxes on mining aren't the answer to Argentina's debt issues.

If anything, the government should make it a priority to enhance Argentina's mining investment attractiveness, not further destroy it.

In the end, I think that the provinces that are pro-mining and have a history of upholding its mining law will remain that way.

With regards to the Federal government, it's much harder to gauge.

### MINING COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA

Many of the biggest senior gold and silver miners have operations or are developing mines in Argentina.

#### Here's a list of a few of them:

Pan American Silver (PAAS:TSX) – Operate their Manantial Espejo mine in Santa Cruz and owns the Navidad project in Chubut.

Fortuna Silver (FVI:TSX) – Recently spent US\$300M in CAPEX to construct their Lindero Mine, which is located in Salta.

Barrick Gold (ABX:TSX) – Operate their Veladero mine and the Lama project and new exploration areas in San Juan. In 2020, Barrick also entered the Salta province by signing an earn-in agreement on the El Quevar silver project.

SSR Mining (SSR:TSX) – Operate Puna which is comprised of the Chinchillas mine and Pirquitas processing facility which is located in Jujuy.

Newmont (NGT:TSX) – Operates the Cerro Negro mine in Santa Cruz.

McEwen Mining (MUX:TSX) – Operate their San Jose silver-gold mine in Santa Cruz jointly with the Peruvian company Hochschild, and also owns the large-scale Los Azules copper project in San Juan.

Yamana (YRI:TSX) – Operate their Cerro Moro in Santa Cruz.

Austral Gold (AGD:ASX) – Operate their Casposo mine in San Juan.

First Quantum Mineral Ltd. (FM:TSX) – Advancing their Taca Taca project in Salta.

Glencore PLC (GLEN:LSE) – Operate Bajo de la Alumbrera project in Catamarca, jointly with Goldcorp and Yamana Gold, and also owns Pachon in San Juan.

#### A few junior mining companies that are exploring and developing projects in Argentina:

AbraPlata Resources (ABRA:TSXV) – PEA Level Project

JoseMaria Resources (JOSE:TSXV) – PFS Level Project

Filo Mining Corp. (FIL:TSXV) – PFS Level Project

Aldebaran Resources (ALDE:TSXV)

Golden Arrow Resources (GRG:TSXV)

Neo Lithium (NLC:TSXV)

Lithium Americas Corp. (LAC:TSE) – Under construction

### CONCLUDING REMARKS

In my view, protecting your downside risk by investing in companies that are selling for less than their value is an essential part of making money consistently in the junior resource sector.

The higher the delta between price and value, the more downside protection you have.

I believe, therefore, that it allows for investment in opportunities in some of the riskiest jurisdictions on the planet.

Now, there's a thin line here, you do have to understand what you are getting into and how the company you are investing in is going to navigate that risk and, ultimately, make you money.

There are going to be some situations that just aren't worth the risk or the time commitment.

Personally, I think that I have a good understanding of the situation in Argentina.

There is risk. With that said, I'm ready to make investments in junior mining companies

operating there if they fit my framework for an investable company.

As always, the thesis starts with the people running the company.

Do they have the IQ, experience and backing to execute the action plan which they are pitching?

Second, if it's the right people, is the company selling at a discount to its value? The higher the discount to value, the more appealing the opportunity is.

Third, where is the project located? Personally, I want to concentrate on San Juan and Salta.

I put my money where my mouth is and have put this framework to use.

Last year, I invested in AbraPlata Resources at \$0.033/share.

It's run by the right people.

At the time of investment, the company was selling for a steep discount to value. Finally, their Diablillos project is located in Salta.

All the right ingredients needed to protect my downside risk, plus it had huge upside potential if the company executes on their plan.

Today, the share price is roughly \$0.38, a more than 10 fold increase and, at the moment, a vindication of the original investment thesis.

Investing your money in countries like Argentina come with risk, but if you have done your homework and have applied a framework for decision making, it's my contention that you have given yourself the best opportunity to be successful.

Finally, there's nothing wrong with avoiding risky jurisdictions, just remember any country/government is capable of stealing your money.

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