

Mining/Northern Ontario News Updates

Mining

Junior miner still not buying Ontario's argument

A Sudbury-based junior gold miner that's suing the Ontario government for \$110 million still maintains the province fell short of its legal duty to consult with a First Nation that "evicted" the company from a remote area of northwestern Ontario following a series of disputes in 2011. Northern Superior Resources responded to a recently amended State of Defence from the province by contending that the government's version of consultation

<http://www.northernontariobusiness.com/Industry-News/mining/2014/04/Junior-miner-still-not-buying-Ontario%E2%80%99s-argument.aspx>

consisted of a "standard form letter" sent to them that identified Sachigo Lake as one of the First Nation communities that they should contact to advise them of their exploration work.

The company maintains that the province didn't undertake any formal consultation with Sachigo, nor were they of any assistance or even got involved, until after the company was "evicted" by Sachigo and other area First Nation communities.

Last fall, Northern Superior Resources sued the government for failing to consult with the Sachigo after multiple disagreements with the band caused the company to abandon exploration on its mining claims near Thorne Lake in late 2011. The company said the band made unreasonable demands – including monetary – that forced them to stop work and withdraw.

Barrick Gold and Newmont Mining still open to merger: source

The world's two largest gold producers, Barrick Gold Corp. and Newmont Mining Corp. are still interested in merging, a person familiar with the matter said. The North American-based gold companies had hoped to finalize a deal before Newmont's annual meeting of shareholders, scheduled for Wednesday

April 23, sources familiar with the matter said. But talks broke down late last week. The Wall Street Journal first reported the news of the breakdown. Nevertheless, the companies are still open to merger discussions, said one source. The negotiations come amid a deep slump in the gold industry. The price of the

precious metal lost nearly 30 per cent last year, once falling below \$1,200 an ounce. It recovered slightly at the beginning of this year but is now trading below \$1,300 an ounce.

Barrick, the world's biggest gold producer, and Newmont, the world's no. 2, have had to cut costs to deal with lower bullion prices.

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/barrick-gold-and-newmont-mining-still-open-to-merger-source/article18070738/>

Bre-X lawsuits dismissed, 17 years after mining scandal

Remaining \$3.5 million should go to charity, judge rules

After nearly two decades, an Ontario court has dismissed two lawsuits involving investors who lost millions of dollars in the Bre-X Minerals scandal back in the 1990s. In a ruling Wednesday, Ontario Superior Justice Paul Perrell wrote that the actions were being dismissed because there was "no reasonable prospect of recovery from any of the defendants, even if the outstanding actions were successful." The motions, which were brought forward by lawyers for the plaintiffs, were based on allegations that the now-defunct Calgary-

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/bre-x-lawsuits-dismissed-17-years-after-mining-scandal-1.2619478>

based company engaged in "stock fraud" when it erroneously reported it had found a major gold deposit in Indonesia. It was later revealed that this was untrue, resulting in investors losing an estimated \$1 billion.

Lawyers Paul Pape and Harvey Strosberg wrote in their motion that most of the money linked to the former company their clients were pursuing had been held in the Cayman Islands and "has been dissipated for living expenses and legal expenses."

Pape and Strosberg also requested that \$3.5 million held by trustees and owed to the lawsuit claimants should be donated to charity because, if redistributed, would only mean a recovery of two cents on the dollar for each claimant after fees. Justice Perrell ruled that the majority of the award will go to the national Access to Justice Fund, with the remainder to go to the Telfer School of Management at the University of Ottawa.

U.S. firm acquires Sudbury mining manufacturer

A major Sudbury mining manufacturer has been sold to an international mining company from Milwaukee.

Joy Global Inc. announced its acquisition of Mining Technologies International (MTI) for \$51 million. MTI manufactures underground mining equipment for North American markets.

MTI is "a world leading supplier of raise bore drilling consumables," Joy Global said in its news release. "The company is acquiring substantially all of the assets associated with MTI's hard rock drilling,

loaders, dump trucks, shaft sinking, and raise bore product lines."

MTI's revenues associated with those product lines was about \$90 million U.S. in 2013. The deal should be complete with 90 days, Joy Global said.

"This acquisition represents an exciting opportunity as we execute on our growth strategy to expand our underground mining product lines into the hard rock markets including nickel, potash,

palladium, platinum, gold and copper," said Ted Doheny, Joy Global's president and CEO, in a statement.

"We believe that MTI's broad range of complementary products, combined with Joy's proprietary technology, our global direct service team and operational excellence capabilities, will provide significant value to hard rock mining customers and our shareholders."

<http://www.northernontariobusiness.com/Industry-News/mining/2014/04/U-S--firm-acquires-Sudbury-mining-manufacturer.aspx>

Mining procurement talk slated

Is your business ready to sell to the mining and prospecting industry?

That's the theme of a seminar being held tomorrow (April 24) from 3-4 p.m. at La Place Rendez-Vous here.

The talk will be led by retired Ministry of Northern Development and Mines geologist John Mason, who now is project manager (mining services) for the Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission.

<http://fftimes.com/node/268834>

Not only is Canada one of the largest mining nations in the world, but Northwestern Ontario is home to three of the four largest gold mines in Canada and has North America's only primary palladium mine.

On top of that, new mines continue to open in the region.

What all of this means is that significant opportunities exist for various district businesses to sell their goods and services

to mining operations both near (such as the future New Gold operation north of Barwick) and further away.

"We're targeting small- to medium-sized enterprises who may have a likelihood of being able to sell to mining operations," said Tannis Drysdale, a consultant for the Rainy River Future Development Corp. here.

Fool's Gold Brings Together Mining And Laughs On Discovery May 13th

It's gold hunting, MacGyver-style, on new series.

A new series on Discovery, "Fool's Gold," follows Todd Ryznar and his ramshackle crew at Shotgun Exploration who are looking to strike it rich in the gold-laden hills of Northern Ontario and retiring in style. The only problem for this start-up DIY mining company? They don't know what they're doing!

Premiering Tuesday, May 13th with back-to-back episodes, "Fool's Gold" follows modern-day prospector Ryznar and his

<http://www.craveonline.com/tv/articles/678841-fools-gold-brings-together-mining-and-laughs-on-discovery-may-13th>

ragtag gang of would-be miners in their search for gold. But first, they'll have to figure out what to do and how to do it – after all, their search for gold won't be easy when the main equipment is made from a rusty bed frame and an assortment of old washing machine parts. Commissioned by Discovery Canada and produced by Toronto's 11 Television Canada, the humorous eight-part series joins the beleaguered Ryznar and his rookie crew –

at the mine and on the town, through bug-infested days, frigid nights, and beer-fuelled weekends – as they make a hilariously haphazard foray into the world of the professional gold digger. Armed with backwoods ingenuity, perseverance, stubbornness (and little else), will their beginner's luck be rewarded, or will their hopes be dashed?

The new series debuts on Discovery on May 13th at 8pm and 8:30pm.

Industry News

Barrick Gold Corp shareholders file class action suit over Pascua-Lama mine

Barrick Gold Corp. has been named in a proposed shareholders class action lawsuit that seeks \$6-billion in damages because the company allegedly failed to make timely disclosure of problems at its Pascua-Lama mine in South America.

"Barrick misrepresented the progress and feasibility for development and production at the Pascua-Lama mine, repeatedly through the class period," the plaintiffs allege in a notice of action filed Thursday in <http://business.financialpost.com/2014/04/24/barrick-gold-corp-shareholders-file-class-action-suit-over-pascua-lama-mine/>

the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Toronto.

Lawsuits in Ontario usually begin with the filing of a legal document called a statement of claim. Filing a notice of action officially launches the case, but also gives plaintiffs more time to follow up with more detailed allegations in the statement of claim.

The document filed Thursday contains allegations that have not been proven in

court. "The company is aware that a notice of action has been filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. Barrick disputes the allegations, and will defend itself against any lawsuit vigorously," the company said in an emailed statement late Thursday.

Plaintiffs have filed similar securities class actions against Barrick over Pascua-Lama in the U.S. federal courts. The company has denied the allegations in the U.S. claims.

'Exciting years' for Lake Shore Gold

TIMMINS - Dan Gagnon held a captive audience of local business owners as he talked about the prospects of Lake Shore Gold's "continuous improvement and growth" filtering down to the community. "I think we've had an exciting couple of years, definitely a breakthrough year for us in 2013," said Gagnon, who is Lake Shore Gold's senior vice-president of operations. "We saw a steady increase in production. We started generating free cash flow, so we're now a business that can fund its own <http://www.timminspress.com/2014/04/24/exciting-years-for-lake-shore-gold>

projects ... We've basically gone from 85,000 ounces a year in 2012, to 135,000 in 2013, to 160,000 to 180,000 (anticipated this year)."

Gagnon was the keynote speaker at a Timmins Chamber of Commerce luncheon held Thursday at the Schumacher Lions Den.

Asked if there were opportunities for small local businesses to prosper from the growth in operations at Lake Shore Gold, Gagnon replied, "Definitely. In 2012, for

example, we spent \$130 million locally. That was 60% of our spending which was basically local with all the suppliers that you see off Algonquin Boulevard. There is a big push for us to support the local, then the Northern and then Ontario." Lake Shore operates two mines at opposite ends of the city. Bell Creek is approximately 20 kilometres northeast of Timmins, while Timmins West is located near the junction of highways 101 and 144.

Canadians are dumping ETFs on commodity doubts

Canadian investors are pulling money out of exchange-traded funds for a second year as concern grows that a rally in energy and mining that helped drive equities to the best performance among the world's largest markets has run its course. So far in 2014, investors have withdrawn \$682.5 million from exchange-traded funds tracking Canadian shares, following an <http://business.financialpost.com/2014/04/24/canadians-are-dumping-etfs-on-fear-that-commodity-rally-will-fade/>

outflow of \$820.8 million last year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The benchmark Standard & Poor's/TSX Composite Index is in its 10th month of gains, the longest winning streak since 1983, and has soared 20 percent in the past year.

The latest ETF selloff comes as a rally in gold and base metals companies has begun

to lag in favor of energy producers. Mining stocks, which raced to a 16 percent gain in the first two months of the year, have slumped by half that rate since reaching a high in March amid a decline in gold prices. Oil and gas companies are off to the best start to the year since 2006.

GOLD: Premier to test potential pits near Hardrock

ONTARIO – Premier Gold Mines plans to drill two highly prospective open pit targets along strike from its Hardrock gold project near Thunder Bay. The Bankfield West and Viper properties will be tested.

The Bankfield West target, located 11 km west of Hardrock, was identified by reviewing historical drill data from the 1990s. The company hopes the drill

<http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/news/gold-premier-to-outline-potential-pits-near-hardrock/1003029392/>

program will confirm the existence of mineralization within the porphyry. The Viper target, located 30 km east of Hardrock, was staked by Premier because it is geologically similar to the Hardrock property. It is the site of intensely folded iron formation and porphyry units in an area of numerous local gold showings. The primary target has never been drill tested.

Premier Gold recently completed a preliminary economic assessment for the Hardrock gold project. Finding additional deposits nearby would allow the company to consider increasing the scale of operations beyond what are currently planned.

GOLD: Development reaches upper part of Island Gold Deep resource

ONTARIO – Development into the C zone has reached the upper portion of the Island Gold Deep resource, reports Richmond Mines of Montreal. Chip samples from the face taken during lateral drift development on the 560 metre level averaged a cut grade of 12.73 g/t Au over an average width of 2.92 metres.

<http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/news/gold-development-reaches-upper-part-of-island-gold-deep-resource/1003029397/>

The ramp has reached a depth of 610 metres below surface. The company says a 92-metre length of the development is well mineralized and corresponds to the previously established resource. The first longhole stope will be mined from the 560 to 585 metre levels later this year.

Definition drilling carried out by Richmond this year include 36.40 g/t Au over 4.46 metres; 33.14 g/t over 5.05 metres; and 16.98 g/t over 3.80 metres in the C zone. Drilling in the B zone returned 19.81 g/t Au over 2.09 metres; 10.16 g/t over 3.99 metres; and 14.41 g/t over 3.29 metres. All figures are cut grades and true lengths.

Goldcorp backs off from Osisko takeover

Goldcorp says it will not up the ante in its hostile takeover of Osisko Mining.

The Vancouver-based gold miner said it's not amending its \$3.6-billion offer to acquire all of the outstanding common shares of Osisko.

Goldcorp's offer was set to expire April 22 at midnight.

Osisko announced a proposed agreement, April 16, with Yamana Gold and Agnico Eagle which see the two companies form a

<http://www.northernontariobusiness.com/Industry-News/mining/2014/02/Goldcorp-backs-off-from-Osisko-takeover.aspx>

50-50 joint-venture to operate Osisko's Canadian Malartic Mine in Quebec and explore and develop its Ontario properties in Kirkland Lake, Atikokan Hammond Reef, Pandora/Wood and Pandora.

Goldcorp was prepared to take it to a proxy fight at Osisko's annual meeting of May 20 by fielding its own slate of candidates for the board of directors and a new CEO.

"We stated from the beginning of this process that we would remain disciplined with respect to our offer to acquire Osisko, and our decision not to amend the offer is consistent with that commitment," said Goldcorp president and CEO Chuck Jeannes.

Ring of Fire infrastructure money will be in provincial budget

Ring of Fire money will be included in the Wynne government's upcoming spring budget, said Ontario's finance minister Charles Sousa during a pre-election stop in Sudbury.

Ontario's finance minister was in Sudbury, April 22, sounding upbeat and promoting his budget, which will be released May 1. But while long on positivity, Charles Sousa was short on specifics, even though many items expected to be in the budget were leaked April 1. Sousa said he was almost glad budget details were "shared" because he's proud of what's in it.

<http://www.northernontariobusiness.com/Industry-News/mining/2014/04/Ring-of-Fire-infrastructure-money-will-be-in-provincial-budget.aspx>

"We do want people to be appreciative and to recognize the importance of the things that are going to be in this budget," he said after completing a tour of the Learning Initiative on Cedar Street. "Those communication plans are something that come out with every government." The leak detailed how the province planned to leak its own budget, right down to dates when each item would be released. When asked why the planned leak about funding for road infrastructure into the Ring of Fire wasn't released as scheduled on April 17, Sousa replied that it

wasn't a planned announcement exactly, but more of an informal "communications plan."

"We are advocating with the federal government to provide support for the Ring of Fire," Sousa said, adding the details will be release May 1.

"Absolutely," he responded, when asked if the budget will include provincial funding for the \$50 billion chromite discovery in northwestern Ontario.

Premier Gold identifies prospective open pit targets near Hardrock

THUNDER BAY, ON, April 23, 2014 /CNW/ - PREMIER GOLD MINES LIMITED (TSX:PG) is pleased to announce that it will begin exploration to test the Bankfield West and Viper target areas, two highly prospective open pit target areas along strike from the Company's 100%-owned Hardrock Project that is host to the multi-million ounce Hardrock open pit deposit.

"Premier holds a district scale property package in the Hardrock area much of which has seen little previous exploration." stated Stephen McGibbon, Executive Vice-President of Premier. "The Bankfield West and Viper targets represent potential

<http://www.stockhouse.com/news/press-releases/2014/04/23/premier-gold-identifies-prospective-open-pit-targets-near-hardrock>

within the district to discover new open pit deposits that could support further resource growth which, when considered in relation to the Hardrock Project, would represent an opportunity to leverage infrastructure and increase scale of currently contemplated operations." The Bankfield West target area (11 km west of Hardrock) was identified through a review of historic drill data where several holes drilled by Placer Dome in the 1990's suggested the potential for widespread gold mineralization within a porphyry host rock unit. A drill program, which will consist of several holes designed to

confirm the existence of mineralization within the porphyry will commence at the conclusion of the current confirmation program at Hardrock.

The Viper target area (30 km east of Hardrock) was recently staked by Premier in an area that shares similarities to the geological environment at Hardrock. Specifically, intense folding of iron formation and porphyry rock units is suggested by geophysics in an area with numerous local gold showings and deposits.

Politics/Opinion/Legal

Ontario and Matawa Member First Nations Celebrate Historic Framework for Negotiations on the Ring of Fire

Premier Joins First Nations Chiefs to Formalize Regional Framework

Premier Kathleen Wynne and the Matawa member First Nations Chiefs were in Thunder Bay today, where they joined Matawa community members, to officially celebrate the recent signing of a landmark regional framework agreement to develop the Ring of Fire.

The Regional Framework Agreement is a first step in the historic, community-based negotiation process that will bring together the nine First Nations and the Province of Ontario to discuss and negotiate an approach for development in the First Nations' traditional territories. The process will help ensure that First Nations participate in, and benefit from, Ring of Fire developments.

<http://news.ontario.ca/opo/en/2014/04/ontario-and-matawa-member-first-nations-celebrate-historic-framework-for-negotiations-on-the-ring-of.html>

The agreement ensures that First Nations and Ontario can work together on resource development opportunities. That includes: long-term, regional environmental monitoring; enhanced participation in environmental assessment processes; resource revenue sharing; social and economic supports; and regional and community infrastructure.

In attendance at the ceremony were Chief Sonny Gagnon of Aroland First Nation, Chief Fred Sackaney of Constance Lake First Nation, Chief Elizabeth Atlookan of Eabametoong First Nation, Chief Celia Echum of Ginoogaming First Nation, Chief Allen Towegishig of Long Lake #58 First Nation, Chief Elijah K. Moonias of Marten

Falls First Nation, Chief Peter Moonias of Neskantaga First Nation, Chief Johnny Yellowhead of Nibinamik First Nation and Chief Cornelius Wabasse of Webequie First Nation.

Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development and Mines, David Zimmer, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, were also at the celebration to unveil the framework agreement, alongside Chief Georjann Morriveau of Fort William First Nation, Bob Rae, Matawa negotiator and former Premier of Ontario, and Frank Iacobucci, Ontario's negotiator and former Supreme Court of Canada judge.

United Steelworkers visit Elliot Lake to remember the strike that changed labour laws

It was a clear, but cold morning when two bus loads of United Steelworkers stopped at the intersection of Highway 108 and what was once the turnoff to Denison Mines, about 15 kilometres north of Elliot Lake on Wednesday, April 16.

That was the second day of a three-day forum that began in Sudbury and ended there on Thursday, April 17.

As many as 90 people from across the country and parts of the United States took part in the forum to remember and commemorate the event that took place in Elliot Lake four decades ago.

<http://www.elliottlakestandard.ca/2014/04/23/united-steelworkers-visit-elliott-lake-to-remember-the-strike-that-changed-labour-laws>

The visit to Elliot Lake was to mark the 40th anniversary of hundreds of mineworkers in United Steelworkers of America (USWA) Local 5762 at Denison Mines went out on an illegal wildcat strike. It started on April 18, 1974 and lasted three weeks. The USWA has since shortened its name to the United Steelworkers.

The wildcat strike was to protest the terrible and unsafe working conditions at the mine at the time. One of the biggest issues was ventilation. Underground mineworkers were breathing in dust contaminated with radon daughters

resulting in many getting silicosis and lung cancer, and ultimately perishing. When the group arrived at the intersection, they spoke of the strike and how it changed working conditions across the province.

They even had a couple of old 45-gallon oil drums filled with wood and lit a fire, reminiscent of those days. But on this day, it was welcome due to the cold temperatures.

Minister touts 'Ring' during Sudbury visit

Finance Minister Charles Sousa's stop in Sudbury was uneventful, not marked by grand promises or funding announcements.

Rather, Sousa used the visit to extol the virtues of the Liberal Party and push for acceptance of the budget coming down in a little more than a week.

"The budget coming out on May 1 is going to talk a lot about what we need to do to promote greater prosperity, greater fairness in our society, so that we can

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2014/04/23/minister-touts-ring-during-sudbury-visit>

enable people to succeed and enable businesses to be formed," he told reporters Tuesday, at the Learning Initiative in downtown Sudbury.

"If you listen to what the opposition is telling you, they're saying just do across-the-board cuts and that'll fix everything. That's not going to improve our economy. In fact, that's going to stall our economic growth. We have to make those strategic investments, like the Ring of Fire."

So far, the Grits have not announced what they're planning to include, cash or infrastructure wise, for the mineral-rich region.

According to the party's communications plan, which was recently leaked to the Progressive Conservatives, an announcement about road infrastructure for the Ring was supposed to come April 17.

Tuesday Sousa said nothing will be made public until May 1.

The Battle for Osisko Mining: A Good Sign for the Gold Mining Sector?

Steve Todoruk, an Investment Executive at Sprout Global Resource Investments Ltd., said last year that big miners were the key to a rebound in natural resource stocks. He is happy to see them get rid of their mistakes from the bull market years, writing off their worst projects. With all this bad news out of the way, he believes they should get back to generating cash flow and sensibly expanding operations, which would improve sentiment in the sector.

Today, Steve says big miners look like they have moved past the pain of the last three years, becoming more aggressive now. See his recent note below.

When the mining sector is growing, companies expand their production by acquiring new mines and deposits. In unhealthy times in the mining sector, merger and takeover activity usually comes to a halt.

When this merger activity starts to wake back up, it could signal the start of a rebound from a bear market. Mergers

signal that companies feel more confident that the worst is behind them; it indicates that they are more aggressive and preparing for rising metals prices. Two months ago, we saw signs that majors were on the search for mergers and acquisitions once again. The world's third-largest gold producer, Goldcorp, announced a hostile takeover of Osisko Mining Corp., which owns the large Malartic gold mine in eastern Canada, for \$2.4 billion¹.

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.co.uk/columns/sprout-s-thoughts/16009/the-battle-for-osisko-mining-a-good-sign-for-the-gold-mining-sector-16009.html>

Northern Ontario & Local News

Fears looming hydro hike will hurt industry

TIMMINS - It was denied at the time by Xstrata Copper. Yet many in the community continue to blame Ontario's higher energy costs for the company's decision that ultimately led to the Timmins smelter closing in 2010. The fact there is a substantial hydro rate increase on horizon doesn't bode well particularly in communities in Timmins that depend on resource-based industries which are traditionally high-energy users.

"For our industries, mining and forestry, because they are energy intensive, it's a job killer," said MPP Gilles Bisson (NDP – Timmins-James Bay), on the prospect of a rise in hydro rates.

Phil Barton, a small business owner in Timmins and president of the city's chamber of commerce, came close to echoing that view.

"I personally think one of the reasons we lost the met site was due to high energy costs and it is certainly detrimental to

many of the other big users of power," said Barton. "If they have to raise their costs because of energy, perhaps it makes them less competitive in the global marketplace. And that has a ripple effect throughout our whole region, probably more so than in many other regions."

Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli announced Wednesday that his government will retire the Debt Retirement Charge on hydro bills starting on Jan. 1, 2016, an annual savings of just under \$70.

<http://www.timminspress.com/2014/04/24/fears-looming-hydro-hike-will-hurt-industry>

Dryden gets new Deputy Treasurer

A new Deputy Treasurer is joining the financial team in Dryden. City Council welcomed Alvin Allim this week. Allim brings more than 22 years of experience in the hydro industry after living in Bruce County where he worked at Wellington North Power Inc., a southern

http://www.kenoraonline.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8787&Itemid=160

Ontario hydro-electric distribution company. Allim will work closely with Chief Administrative Officer Andre Larabie on the 2014 budget. He is a Certified General Accountant with an Honors Degree in Commerce.

Throughout his career, he has progressed through many management positions in accounting and finance including Accounting Supervisor, Manager of Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

Spring thaw reveals city's annual embarrassment of littered lanes, sidewalks and streets

Tuesday was Earth Day and I thought I would share a timely challenge which can be taken up this spring.

Last week, the City of Kenora and Harbourtown BIZ launched the latest city beautification campaign called the Green Leaf Project. There is an emphasis on encouraging businesses in Kenora, especially in the downtown area, to adopt the sidewalk in front of their business and in the back lane and keep it clean

Unfortunately, people getting outside for walks or to rake their yards, or youngsters <http://www.kenoradailyminerandnews.com/2014/04/24/spring-thaw-reveals-citys-annual-embarrassment-of-littered-lanes-sidewalks-and-streets>

playing ball and soccer will not be the only signs of spring you come across as the snowbanks disappear in the next few weeks.

No, the annual embarrassment of littered lanes, sidewalks and streets has already resulted in concerned citizens phoning the newspaper about the problem.

It is a disgrace really.

Cigarette packages, junk food wrappers and other debris no longer hidden by a blanket of snow indicates there is a real problem with people overlooking those

solar-powered garbage and recycling cans which are placed in the downtown core and not having the common courtesy to scoop their dog's crap. How much effort would it take to find a garbage can or carry either a candy bar wrapper or doggie doo bag home with you?

The litter bugs are not discriminatory and leave their mess in the country or on back roads too.

Infrastructure, energy and winter roads important at NOMA, Canfield

After last night's meet and greet everyone will get down to business today at the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's annual meeting. President and Kenora Mayor Dave Canfield spoke about having Premier Kathleen Wynne in attendance.

"To have the Premier come to an event like this is great. We don't always get premiers to come to the NOMA meetings so we're pretty happy about that. It's really hard to say (what she'll speak about). There's nothing leaked about what she's going to

http://www.kenoraonline.com/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8779&Itemid=160

talk about. It might be just to meet and greet and find out what our concerns are and what we feel is important but at the same time we'd love to hear a great announcement," he said.

Canfield along with other mayors will get a chance to speak with Premier Kathleen Wynne today as well as Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Bill Mauro, Minister of Northern Development & Mines Michael Gravelle and Minister of Aboriginal Affairs David Zimmer. Canfield

listed some of the topics they'll be focusing on.

"Infrastructure is big. It's always been big in Northwestern Ontario because of the roads, bridges and a lot of things like that. MPAC is a huge issue across a lot of the communities. Energy is also a big issue, of course around meeting the needs of the increase in the forest industry, mining industry and other opportunities in the next few years. Whether that energy is gonna be there and we want to make sure it is," he said.

Reality Blast Hits Northwestern Ontario

THUNDER BAY – Mining The North Superior Workforce Planning Board has launched Reality Blast, a new website designed to offer a realistic resource tool to allow prospective workers to find ways to engage with the mining careers in the region. The NSWPB has worked with community partners to find ways to make this project work.

The website went live today – Madge Richardson, the Executive Director of the NSWPB outlined the website, and how it is

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2014/04/23/reality-blast-hits-northwestern-ontario/>

an interactive site that will be constantly upgraded.

There is a print option on the website, so it is easy to keep information as well.

It is a great tool for individuals who are looking for work in the mining sector.

“Where do I work now?”.

Understanding which mines are open, which jobs are coming up.

Presenting the mining company brand and opportunities was seen as a key for the

companies to get their message out.

Employers saw it as a very good tool.

“Making informed decisions is key”, stated NSWPB Business Co-Chair Frank Pullia.

“High school students, starting to think about a career in mining now have a good resource to start their planning,” added Pullia. “Having an online portfolio will help”.

Individual pathways plans for students which can be shared with parents offers synergy.

Northern flicker numbers are declining

What’s the bird I’m seeing on my lawn? It has a long beak, a black stripe across its chest and some red on the head?

Several times in the past couple of weeks I’ve had a variation of this query. After asking additional questions and showing the questioner the picture in a field guide, it was determined that the bird was a northern flicker.

There are a few additional features that would have made identification easier.

<http://www.northumberlandtoday.com/2014/04/24/northern-flicker-numbers-are-declining>

First would be the size of the bird. It’s a bit bigger than a blue jay, so it is a rather large woodpecker. The back is brown speckled with black, the face is shades of gray or brown with the red (in the male only) a distinct spot on the nape of the neck. The male also has a black mustache stripe. In flight, flickers show a large white patch on the rump.

The wing lining of most flickers seen locally is bright yellow. This is also often seen

clearly in flight. The western form of the northern flickers has red wing linings. For a time, they were considered separate species, yellow-shafted and red-shafted flickers. At present, they are considered two subspecies of the same species.

The French name for this woodpecker is pic flamboyant (flamboyant woodpecker), which I think is quite appropriate for such a colourful bird.

Mattagami First Nation Youth Selected For Miss North Ontario Pageant

Janelle Golinowski Showcasing Talent

Janelle Golinowski, a member of Mattagami First Nation, will be showcasing her talents as a traditional dancer at the Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant 2014. The 18 year old explained that she is proud yet humble to have been selected to represent her community for the pageant scheduled to be held May 1 to 3 at the Fraser Auditorium, Laurentian University in Sudbury, Ontario.

“I am really excited to be taking part in this event as an Aboriginal woman. It gives me an opportunity to promote and celebrate

<http://www.netnewsledger.com/2014/04/22/mattagami-first-nation-youth-selected-for-miss-north-ontario-pageant/>

our Aboriginal culture and act as a positive role model for other young First Nation women,” said Golinowski.

The Miss North Ontario Regional Canada Pageant is an annual event featuring young women between the ages of 13 to 24. The event was created to help foster personal development in contestants as well as to promote and support charitable organizations and tourism in Northern Ontario.

Golinowski, daughter of Patsy McKay and Dana Golinowski experienced her

childhood in Mattagami First Nation. She explained that growing up in her community grounded her in Native traditions and culture.

She is currently attending her final year of high school at Timmins High and Vocational School with plans of continuing on to post secondary education to pursue a career in either the medical field or in engineering. She explained that her older sister Tianna, who has moved on to post secondary education and travelled to Africa, inspired her to set her goals high.

Premier willing to have a Northern Ontario debate

The premier is calling for a Northern Ontario election debate.

Ontario Liberal Party Leader, and premier, Kathleen Wynne has challenged the PC and NDP leaders to a debate that is specifically focused on Northern Ontario issues, if the other parties force a provincial election, said a Liberal party news release from Fort Frances Thursday evening.

Wynne spoke with an audience of more than 200 northern mayors, councillors, and business leaders at the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association's annual conference, Thursday evening. During her speech, Wynne focused on the importance

<http://www.timminstimes.com/2014/04/24/premier-willing-to-have-a-northern-ontario-debate>

of building partnerships and listening to local leaders as the government expands opportunity and builds security across the North, said the release.

"You know your communities better than anyone – you understand the unique needs and challenges that must be addressed.

And your input has helped guide our vision for Ontario," said the premier.

As the government prepares to introduce a Budget on May 1 that includes the next steps in her plan for jobs and growth,

Wynne put forward a direct challenge to

both PC and NDP leaders at the end of her speech.

"I hope the other two parties do the right thing and support our budget. I hope they will put the public good ahead of their partisanship. But if the other parties don't support this plan and instead send the province to an election, then I will call on the other party leaders to come to the North and discuss these issues at a Northern Leaders Debate," Wynne stated in the release.

A place for Sudbury's sick kids

Health Sciences North is touting the new North Eastern Ontario Health Centre for kids as a more efficient, more effective way to treat youngsters from Greater Sudbury and the surrounding area.

Starting this summer, pediatric services in Sudbury will be consolidated at Health Sciences North under a new banner, shortened as NEO Kids.

"Improving children's health is not only a strategic priority at HSN, it's the right thing to do," said Dr. Denis Roy, president and CEO of Health Sciences North, said in a release.

"Our health care system can no longer keep treating children as small adults. Children need their own place, close to home, to receive treatment in an environment that is comfortable for them

and comforting for their family. That's what NEO Kids will do."

NEO Kids' first phase is the relocation of pediatric services now located on Bancroft Drive at Health Sciences North's Ramsey Lake Health Centre. The move will put all local pediatricians under one roof and provide them and their patients with immediate access to Health Sciences North services.

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2014/04/25/a-place-for-sudburys-sick-kids>

North's first turkey hunt starts today

Roy Polsky is a happy guy today.

While he won't be one of the hunters who head into the bush today looking to bag a wild turkey, he and other members of the West Arm French River Wild Turkey Group have plenty to be proud of after 15 years of effort has got the population strong enough to support a first hunt for the elusive birds in Wildlife Management Unit 42 (Sudbury district).

"It's going to be something new in the area with the new season and we have been

<http://www.thesudburystar.com/2014/04/24/norths-first-turkey-hunt-starts-today>

looking forward to that for several years," the Val Caron resident said. "I took the course about 20 years ago and I haven't done any (turkey hunting), but I did work on the program in regards to the turkey release in 1999 and 2000 when we released 39 birds in the Noelville area." The flock has been growing ever since, much of it due to the effort of the wild turkey group.

"They were reproducing really well and we had a bad winter around 2004 that cut the

flock in half to about 125, but since then they have reproduced very well," Polsky said. "Last spring, we did a gobbling survey and got people who saw them to give us a call and we figure we have 400 to 450 turkeys in the area.

"We don't know how this winter affected them and we are presently doing a survey again and handing out posters in the area for people to call us if see anything throughout the spring."

Of Related Interest/International

How You Can Make Graphene at Home in Your Blender

Graphene may be the supermaterial to rule them all—but it turns out you can make it at home. In your kitchen blender. Here's how.

A team of researchers from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland have been trying to work out the best way to mass produce graphene, those sheets of carbon that are just one atom thick. Currently, even the best laboratory techniques can only generate a measly half gram of the stuff per hour.

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The team knew that it was possible to shear thin sheet of graphene from bigger blocks of graphite—the form of compound in pencil lead—which is essentially made of many sheets of graphene stacked together in layers. So, they got wondering what the most effective way of reliably shearing off those layers was.

Enter a laboratory mixer and some surfactant, added to ease the layers apart (and keep them apart). By spinning up graphite in the bench-top mixer, they

produced what they thought was graphene; then, electron microscopy confirmed that they were indeed producing the magical stuff. The best part, though? They were churning it out at a rate of 5 grams per hour.

Naturally, they thought their process should be scaleable—but what to swap for an expensive mixer and lab-grade surfactant?

Pouring Saltwater Over Graphene Generates Electricity

A team of Chinese scientists did an impossible-sounding thing. They created electricity simply by dragging a droplet of saltwater across a layer of graphene. No big fires, no greenhouse gases, no fuss. They created energy with just a miracle material and one of the most plentiful substances on Earth.

The science behind the effect is actually quite simple. When the droplets of saltwater sat static on the graphene, they carried an equal charge on both sides. But, when moved across the surface of the graphene, the electrons in the saltwater

<http://gizmodo.com/pouring-saltwater-over-graphene-generates-electricity-1563379860>

were desorbed on one end of the graphene and absorbed on the other, generating a measurable voltage along the way. The faster the water moves, the higher the voltage it generates—although the total voltage was still pretty low, about 30 millivolts. A standard AA battery, by comparison, produces about 1.5 volts. It helps that graphene is insanely conductive. IBM's mad scientists have created a graphene-based circuit that's 10,000 times more powerful than existing alternatives.

This radio... Read...

So that's not much—not yet—but it's something. It's not the voltage that scientists are excited about, though. It's the scale. Current hydroelectric power solutions can only exist on a very large scale. Think Hoover Dam. However, this method for producing hydroelectric power could support nano-sized generators without any byproducts. They do believe the method will scale up, too. That is, if anybody can afford that much graphene. [Nature via Ars Technica]

IBM's Graphene Circuit: A Genius Reminder of How Far Graphene Has to Go

IBM's mad scientists have created a graphene-based circuit that's 10,000 times more powerful than existing alternatives. This radio receiver is so sophisticated and futuristic, in fact, that it can... send a text message to your friends.

Yes, unfortunately the best we can do with this incredible, ultra-conductive, one atom-thick material is create a little chip that sends text messages. But humble as it may sound, this is actually a big breakthrough.

According to IBM Research director of <http://gizmodo.com/ibms-graphene-circuit-a-genius-reminder-of-how-far-gr-1512452994>

physical sciences Supratik Guha, "This is the first time that someone has shown graphene devices and circuits to perform modern wireless communication functions comparable to silicon technology." The researchers managed to send a text that said, simply, "IBM."

Graphene is amazing. Or at least, it could be. Made from a layer of carbon one-atom thick, it's the strongest material in the world, it's... Read...

This, of course, is just another step on the long march of progress. Scientists and technology enthusiasts alike are excited about graphene because it bears some pretty phenomenal possibilities. But it's going to take some time to get there. IBM has been leading the way, first by inventing the first graphene transistor and more recently by figuring out how to make lightning-fast graphene CPUs.

Graphene 'wonder material' made with kitchen blender

Scientists have outlined how they managed to make the "wonder material" graphene using a kitchen blender.

Graphene is thin, strong, flexible and electrically conductive, and has the potential to transform electronics as well as other technologies.

An Irish-UK team poured graphite powder (used in pencil leads) into a blender, then added water and dishwashing liquid, mixing at high speed.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-27113732>

The results are reported in the journal Nature Materials.

Because of its potential uses in industry, a number of researchers have been searching for ways to make defect-free graphene in large amounts.

The material comprises a one-atom-thick sheet of carbon atoms arranged in a

honeycomb structure. Graphite - mixed with clay to produce the lead in pencils - is effectively made up of many layers of graphene stacked on top of one another.

COAL: Ontario's last coal-fired generating station closes

ONTARIO – When the Liberals came to power in Ontario in 2003, one of the first things then-premier Dalton McGuinty promised to do was to ban the burning of coal for power generation by 2007. That deadline came and went, but last week the remaining station in Thunder Bay burned its last lump of coal.

<http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/news/coal-ontarios-last-coal-fired-generating-station-closes/1003021599/?&er=NA>

Ten years ago when the closures were promised, 25% of Ontario's electric power came from coal-fired power generators. Today it is zero, making the province the first jurisdiction in North America to end the burning of coal for power production. Ontario Power Generation produced electricity from nuclear (49.0%),

hydroelectric (30.6%) and thermal (4.1%) sources in 2012. Without coal, the old plants are being retrofitted to burn biomass. When the Atikokan generating station begins operating on biomass in the summer of 2014, it will be the largest, 100% biomass-fueled plant in North America.

Rosia Montana: Campaigners celebrate court ruling over Canadian mining company's plans to build gold mine in Europe

Environmentalists have won an important court ruling this week against a Canadian mining company that wants to create Europe's largest gold mine in the ancient Romanian village of Rosia Montana. Over a planned 16-year period the contentious mining project was set to reap 314 tonnes of gold and 1,500 tonnes of silver, flatten four mountain tops, allegedly expropriate hundreds of families, and leave

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/rosia-montana-campaigners-celebrate-court-ruling-over-canadian-mining-companys-plans-to-build-gold-mine-in-europe-9286844.html>

behind a waste lake containing 215 million cubic metres of dammed water containing cyanide – a toxic chemical commonly used in the process of gold extraction. However, CEO and president of Gabriel Resources, Jonathan Henry, said in a statement earlier this year: "We remain committed to our goal of building one of Europe's most modern mines in Rosia Montana, developed in full compliance

with Romanian and European Union legislation, using the best available practices and sympathetic to the cultural heritage of the area." The mining company has also argued that job creation would be positive for Rosia Montana, and that the contribution of revenue from the project would be beneficial for the state.

Mining companies showing better rating

However, there's still plenty of room for improvement

British Columbia was once regarded by miners as hostile to investment and ranked last in Canada for the attractiveness of its mining policy environment. However, the tide has turned in recent years and B.C. has improved its ratings for global mining investment.

Bringing a mine from discovery to production is a long, expensive and time-consuming process with thousands of mineral prospects explored for each new mine eventually developed. For this reason, mining companies seek stable, predictable, and transparent policy

<http://www.vancouversun.com/news/Mining+companies+showing+better+rating/9643025/story.html>

environments for mining investment.

Results from the recent Fraser Institute annual survey of mining companies suggest the province is becoming more attractive to mining investment with miners rating the province higher for a fifth consecutive year. However, despite this vote of confidence, B.C. could go further and become a global leader in mining.

The survey is based on the opinions of executives and assesses the effects of different public policy factors on attracting or dissuading investment. British Columbia has been included in the survey since its inception in 1997, when B.C. ranked last of Canadian mining jurisdictions assessed.

Since then, the survey list has expanded to include countries, states, and provinces around the world yet B.C. has lagged behind both within Canada and globally despite excellent geological prospects. On the basis of pure mineral potential, B.C. ranked fifth of 112 global mining jurisdictions and leads Canada in geological attractiveness. Yet on the basis of policy, B.C. ranked 32nd and behind Alberta (ranked third), New Brunswick (seventh), Newfoundland and Labrador (ninth), Saskatchewan (12th), Yukon (19th), Manitoba (26th), Ontario (28th), and Nova Scotia (29th).

Kyrgyz Parliament Passes Law on Glaciers

TORONTO, ONTARIO--(Marketwired - April 24, 2014) - Centerra Gold Inc. (TSX:CG) announces that it understands that on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 the Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic passed a law prohibiting activities which affect glaciers in the Kyrgyz Republic (the "Glacier Law"). The Glacier Law must be signed by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic before it will take effect.

Centerra has not yet received the official version of the Glacier Law and notes that several of its provisions are unclear. The Glacier Law also contains provisions for the payment of compensation for damages to glaciers, at rates to be determined by the Government. Nevertheless, Centerra

<http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/press-releases/story.aspx?id=1003029692&er=NA>

believes that the stabilization and non-discrimination provisions contained in the agreements governing the Kumtor project (the "Kumtor Project Agreements") and the law of the Kyrgyz Republic which implemented the Kumtor Project Agreements support the view that the Glacier Law would not apply to Kumtor mining operations. In addition, Centerra believes that any disagreement in relation to the application of the Glacier Law to Kumtor would be subject to the dispute resolution (international arbitration) provisions of the Kumtor Project Agreements.

Limited measures to manage glaciers and ice have been a feature of mining

operations at Kumtor from the beginning of the project in 1994 and have been the subject of frequent Kyrgyz regulatory oversight and approval as well as review by international technical and environmental experts, including experts retained by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in connection with the extension of a credit facility to Centerra. Such measures are necessary to ensure that mine operations can be carried on safely in the open pit. The continuation of mining at Kumtor depends on Centerra's ability to carry on such activities throughout the life of the mine.

In new world order, Canadian factories to fall behind

The world's manufacturing map is being redrawn, and Canada may struggle to remain a primary destination for factories, new research by a prominent global consultancy shows.

Among the world's biggest exporting countries, Asian countries such as China and India remain among the cheapest places to assemble pieces of metal, mould plastic and stitch clothes. But that advantage is very much of the present and not necessarily of the future, according to The Boston Consulting Group (BCG), which will publish Friday an exhaustive analysis of the relative competitiveness of the 25 biggest exporting countries.

China's cost competitiveness has declined by as much as 15 per cent since 2004.

Wages have more than doubled and the cost of energy has soared. That is giving other countries a legitimate chance to

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/report-on-business/economy/canadian-productivity-lags-behind-us-mexico/article18201632/>

compete with China, a shift that could reshape the flow of international investment.

Canada, however, is not among the countries likely to benefit. Its relative competitiveness compared with other major exporters as a place to make things has declined just as much as China's over the past decade, according to BCG's analysis. Canada's neighbours in North America, on the other hand, are fast closing the gap with Asia, raising serious questions about whether Canada can expect significant new investment in manufacturing as the global economy strengthens.

"It is a real challenge for Canada," Justin Rose, a partner at BCG, said of Canada's diminished status relative to the United States and Mexico.

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Mr. Rose said Canada falls under the "losing ground" category with many European countries. Unlike Europe, Canada's weakness is concentrated almost entirely in lagging productivity. Electricity costs in Canada are about the same today as they were in 2004, and natural gas prices are significantly cheaper. Energy prices are dramatically higher in Europe and Asia.

The good news is that productivity is something that is within Canada's power to change, unlike energy prices, which are determined by global markets, Mr. Rose said. An emphasis on research and development and policy changes that reduce the cost of doing business could change Canada's fortunes, he said.

Mining Roundup

By StockMarketWire | Wed, 23rd April 2014 - 15:38

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<http://www.iii.co.uk/stockmarketwire/161891/mining-roundup>

adjacent to the existing B4-7 Nickel-Copper-Cobalt-PGEs resource and the VW Nickel resource. (see attached plans).

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"The diamond market has had an encouragingly strong start to 2014, further underpinning Petra's positive outlook for the remainder of the 2014 financial year," said CEO Johan Dippenaar.

ENERGY FUELS TO CONTINUE URANIUM PRODUCTION AT PINENUT MINE INTO 2015 DUE TO FAVORABLE MINING CONDITIONS AND LOW COSTS

TORONTO, ONTARIO and LAKEWOOD, COLORADO -- (Marketwired) -- 04/23/14 -- Energy Fuels Inc. (NYSE MKT: UUUU)(TSX: EFR) ("Energy Fuels" or the "Company") is pleased to announce that it has revised its previous guidance and currently expects to continue mining at its 100% owned Pinenut Mine through 2014 and into the 1st quarter of 2015. Previously, the Company had provided guidance that it expected production at the Pinenut Mine to be placed on standby by mid-2014, with all ore produced from the mine through mid-2014 being milled at the Company's White Mesa Mill in 2014. However, as a result of favorable mining conditions and lower than expected costs, the Company now expects to continue mining at Pinenut through 2014 and into the 1st quarter of 2015, at http://www.einnews.com/pr_news/201440726/energy-fuels-to-continue-uranium-production-at-pinenut-mine-into-2015-due-to-favorable-mining-conditions-and-low-costs

which point the economic uranium resource is expected to be depleted, subject to the potential discovery of additional resources through planned underground exploration. All production from mid-2014 through the depletion of the economic resource will be stockpiled on the surface at the mine, pending improvements in market conditions at which time it would be transported to the White Mesa Mill for processing into U3O8. Under current economic conditions, the Company has no plans to mill such additional ore in 2014. Accordingly, the Company's guidance of finished U3O8 production for 2014 totaling 500,000 pounds remains unchanged.

The Company's decision to continue mining the Pinenut mine to depletion was based

on favorable mining results at the mine and the ability, through continued mining, to avoid mine standby costs and the costs associated with re-starting production at a future date. At the current time, Energy Fuels expects to mine approximately 250,000 lbs. of additional U3O8 from the Pinenut Mine from mid-2014 to 2015 which will be stockpiled at the mine. Northern Arizona's "breccia pipes" contain the highest-grade uranium deposits in the U.S., and among the highest grade uranium deposits in the World, outside of Canada. As a result, these projects are among the lowest cost sources of uranium production in Energy Fuels' portfolio. The Canyon Mine and EZ Complex are additional high-grade "breccia pipe" deposits held by the Company in northern Arizona.

Coal Miners Under Pressure as Prices Fall and Governments Look to Alternative Energy Supplies

The future does not look good for coal miners. Increasing government regulations, environmental concerns and public opinion in favor of energy alternatives are threatening the resource's market share, and to top that all off, coal prices have hit record lows that are set to continue into the second quarter of 2014.

Specifically, according to The Province, Asian steelmakers and Australian coal miners helped set prices at their lowest

http://www.metal.com/newscontent/59700_coal-miners-under-pressure-as-prices-fall-and-governments-look-to-alternative-energy-supplies

level since 2007 when they agreed on a benchmark price of \$120 million per tonne of coal for this year's second quarter.

Analyst Lucas Pipes from New York's Brea Capital explained to the news outlet, "[w]e're now at a point where it's just too much to bear for a lot of the producers." Closing time

"A number of producers are being pushed to the brink," Pipes added, and news from

the coal industry in Canada and the US gives weight to his statement.

Following James River Coal's (NASDAQ:JRCC) bankruptcy filing on April 7, US producer Walter Energy (NYSE:WLT) announced the closure of two mines in British Columbia; Walter's Brule mine will be suspended by July, while its Wolverine mine will cease production immediately.

Stocks Buzz – North American Palladium (NYSEMKT:PAL), SunEdison, Inc. (NYSE:SUNE), Allied Nevada Gold (ANV), Magellan Petroleum, (NASDAQ:MPET)

Las Vegas, NV – April 25, 2014 — (Tech Sonian) – North American Palladium Ltd (USA) (NYSEMKT:PAL) provided an update on its mineral reserve and resource approximations and life of mine plan for its Lac des Iles mine property in northwestern Ontario. An update of recent 2014 operations and production at LDI is also provided.

North American Palladium Ltd (USA) (NYSEMKT:PAL) managed to keep its gain <http://www.techsonian.com/stocks-buzz-north-american-palladium-nysemktpal-sunedison-inc-nysesune-allied-nevada-gold-anv-magellan-petroleum-nasdaqmpet/12174166/>

at +1.61% on below-normal volume of 2.85 million shares. The stock settled at \$0.303 after floating in a range of \$0.30 to \$0.31. After recent close, it has reached market capitalization of \$82.96 million. Its 52-week range has been \$0.29 to \$1.45. What was the Moving Force behind PAL On Bullish Run? Read This Research Report SunEdison, Inc. (NYSE:SUNE) and United Renewable Energy (URE), are working together to create new solar opportunities

in Georgia. Leveraging the Georgia Power Advanced Solar Initiative (GPASI), the two companies are currently collaborating on projects totaling around 1.3 megawatts (MW) with plans to do more. Sunedison Inc (NYSE:SUNE) traded down on a volume of 12.77 million, lower than its standard daily volume. Shares have dropped -0.34% to \$20.26. Over the last twelve months, the stock has added +360.45% and faced a best price of \$21.93.

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Dynasty Reports Mine Incident

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA-- (Marketwired - April 21, 2014) - Dynasty Metals & Mining Inc. ("Dynasty" or the "Company") (TSX:DMM)(OTCQX:DMMIF) reports that on April 20, 2014 it safely evacuated all employees from the main decline, Cabo de Hornos (the "Mine"), at its Zaruma Gold Project, as a precautionary <http://www.canadianminingjournal.com/press-releases/story.aspx?id=1003021606>

measure due to a significant amount of smoke that was being emitted by a generator which was located inside the Mine, near the portal entrance. The smoke was produced as a result of a poor fuel mix in the generator, and although a significant amount of smoke was emitted there was no fire in the Mine

or generator. The evacuation of the Mine meant that the Company missed the day shift of mining operations, however mine operations were quickly recommenced and is now operating as usual.

The company thanks the government for their cooperation on this matter.

Flinders Resources ready to take graphite market by storm

All signs are positive for Flinders Resources (CVE:FDR), the only junior graphite company listed on the TSX Venture Exchange that is just months away from production.

The graphite developer owns the Woxna mine, a historical operation in central Sweden that operated from 1996 to 2001, when production was halted due to falling graphite prices. Since then, the project has been held on care and maintenance status, with Flinders planning to restart

production by July of this year to coincide with an expected rise in demand for the strong material.

With production capacity estimated at 16,600 tonnes per year based on a preliminary economic assessment, the company is aiming to capture some 10% to 15% of the European graphite market, with the ability to expand capacity to easily support some 30,000 tonnes of flake graphite per annum.

Woxna isn't the end of Flinders' lofty ambitions.

"Our strategy is to build a multi-national graphite company. First, we will become a producer in Europe and supply that market, and we hope to open a similar type operation in North America, ideally repeating this process in Australasia after that," says CEO Blair Way in a recent interview with Proactiveinvestors.

<http://www.proactiveinvestors.com/companies/news/53607/flinders-resources-ready-to-take-graphite-market-by-storm-53607.html>