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MARKET COMMENTS

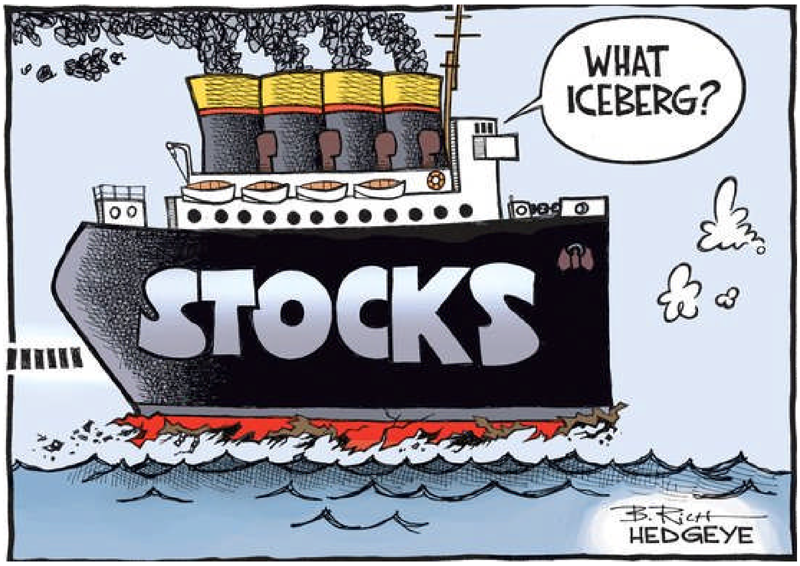
As we start the year's second quarter (someone PLEASE tell me where the first one disappeared to!) markets by and large seem somewhat paralyzed. The looming earnings season, a derailed Trump agenda, whether OPEC extends oil production cuts (and if it matters) French elections, Italian debt, China and North Korea are among the issues giving investors pause anew.

Accordingly, I am watching still several key levels for various asset classes. The 100 area on the U.S. Dollar Index (and especially *the yen's behavior specifically*, as a barometer of how worried investors are becoming.) Gold's teasing that $1,260/ounce or so resistance area. The 2.3% area on the 10-year Treasury Note; one which, if breached, would cause *real* fireworks!

I've spent most of my time with you lately on all these asset classes and our broader/directional trades; so I'm going to keep my market-related comments limited so as to make more room for several--and in some cases pretty comprehensive--updates on individual companies. A quick lap first, though, through some things I have my eye on:

* Whether **stocks** are able to hold their own technical support--2350 on the S&P 500 is THE key as you already know--will depend in the near term on just how strong **corporate earnings** are. And with the still-weak consumer demand, still-high U.S. dollar and the stalling of oil's 2016 rally, I am one who believes that WAY too much optimism has been baked into the market.

Presently, the belief is that earnings are slated to grow by a bit over 10% in the first quarter; *that would be the fastest pace in six years.* That's dubious for numerous reasons. **But in any case, markets will be watching even more closely any "guidance" from Corporate America as to how they see the balance of 2017.** And with the Trump agenda stalled, today's (Tuesday morning) trade deficit numbers highlighting weak consumer demand in the U.S., the peak cars news (and debt worries associated with that) and all the rest are most likely to paint a tentative, stagnation picture.



Internally, the stock market has become "messy" as one analyst puts it. Cyclicals have been hammered as the hopes of a more immediate boost from infrastructure spending have been dashed. Energy stocks and transports alike have been weak. That the major averages have held up (indeed, with another nominal new all-time high in the Nasdaq yesterday morning) otherwise is startling. *But it adds to my own growing belief that we'll imminently see some broader weakness for stocks.*

My friend, economic pundit and blogger Wolf Richter -- http://wolfstreet.com/ -- has laid out the bleak earnings picture in a recent post carried as well by *Business Insider* at http://www.businessinsider.com/corporate-profits-stock-market-2017-3. Simply put, the ongoing stagnation of the post-2009 rebound in corporate earnings is not the stuff on which a continuation of the bull market can be *legitimately* based.

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* Most everyone acknowledges that the majority of the markets' behavior since Election Day has been based on **hope for the launching of the Trump agenda.** And with that agenda suddenly delayed (at best) we see the uncertainty in the markets.

This week coming up we'll be feted with photo opps, talking points and posturing on **a part of the president's agenda that at the same time embodies investors' hopes AND fears: trade.** Specifically, trade with China, whose Premier Xi Jinping will visit Trump in a few days' time.

The visit comes, among other things, after Trump, Vice President Pence and Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross last week *seemingly laid out more of a foundation for confrontation* with China (all of them at left in that Oval Office event.) While understandably couching their words with less vehemence than that used by *candidate* Trump on the campaign trail last year, the Administration nevertheless seems of a mind to gain an upper hand with China, **if not--ominously--pursue the agenda I articulated back in January of trying to actually knock an ambitious but vulnerable China down a few pegs.**

North Korea may steal some of the thunder from what would have been a meeting solely on trade and currency issues. *On trade specifically*, rhetoric still seems to be "trumping" reality. Most of all, nobody seems to understand in the Trump Administration the fact of life I explained to you some time back: **that when you have the world's reserve currency you MUST by definition run trade imbalances.** Otherwise, other nations cannot acquire dollars. (NOTE: If you REALLY want to cut through *the faux-populist rhetoric* and get a better understanding of this, I recommend to you an op-ed piece from several years ago by Lew Lehrman, economist and one-time candidate for New York's governor -- at https://spectator.org/37018_china-american-financial-colony-or-mercantilist-predator/)

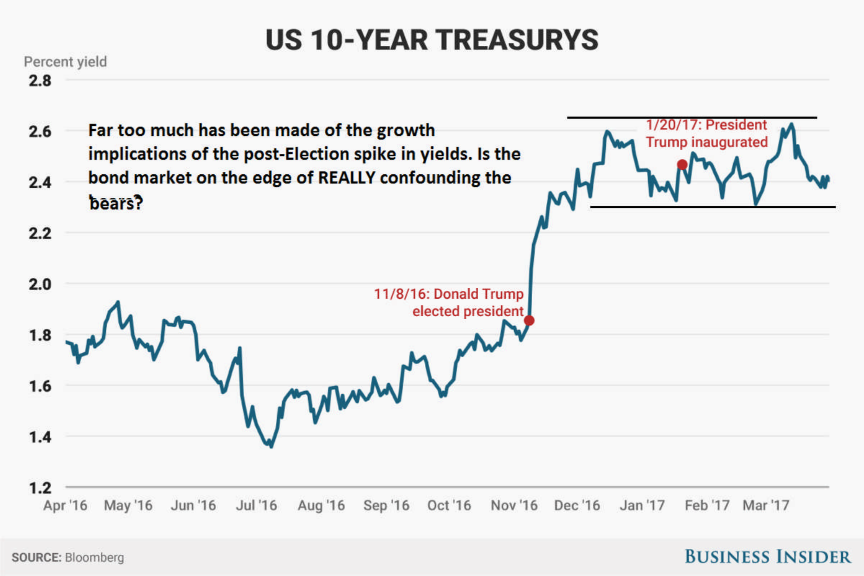
As Ross opined during a *CNBC* interview last Friday, "We didn't end up with a trade deficit by accident." The big culprit according to him (and his boss) was "the way we negotiated treaties." True enough to some extent; especially as the nature of the dollar as the world's reserve currency helped to tilt the playing field, with other factors, to one that almost MANDATED that U.S.-based corporations move jobs to foreign lands, etc. But discussing and then trying to negotiate with China this issue of "fair trade" in a vacuum WILL end up leading to trade conflicts if the broader context is not addressed. *I will, of course, have something more to say after Trump hosts Xi in Florida.*

* Elsewhere, there are **frantic efforts to get the Trump Agenda back on track** and regain the upper hand following the pulling of the first (?) version of the AHCA and that ignominious political spanking. This past weekend the president took a quick trip from the White House to his Trump National Gold Club in nearby Sterling, Virginia to play golf with Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY, at right.) On the agenda was at least a photo op suggesting that a near-term "fix" of Obamacare might not be toast after all; a prospect which Paul dutifully encouraged.

I'm not holding my breath that anything of substance comes from this continued effort to *talk* up both Trump's agenda *and the stock market*. Indeed, on health care, try as I may I cannot envision the realistic path to Trump getting some kind of "victory" here any time soon on a matter that clearly now has nothing to do with any policy sense on health care but is now mostly about his own need for one of those "wins" he said we'd have so many of we'd get sick of them.

Tax policy is going to be no easy subject either. This morning, Sen. Bob Corker (R-TN) opined that this is going to be an even tougher nut for Trump than health care, given that 1. there are that many more competing interests of many individual states' senators particularly on some aspects and 2. in any case, there are those like him that do NOT want to see the budget blown up by runaway "dynamic scoring" (I wrote of that gimmick a couple issues back.)

There *does* seem to be some desire on the part of Democrats for some kind of a meaningful infrastructure program. This weekend, Rep. Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Ranking Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, held out the prospect of delivering quite a slug of Democrat votes on an infrastructure-related bill if 1. It is done primarily with direct public/tax support and 2. if President Trump understands that in order to get such a deal he has to essentially brush aside Speaker Ryan and deal directly with Democrats. *Fasten your seat belts*!



* Confounding at least some observers has been **the continued failure of the bond market to ratify the stock market's exuberance.** You've hard a lot from me on this for a while now, so I'll try not to be too repetitive.

It needs to be remembered here that much of the spike in rates/drops in price of Treasury securities immediately after the election was fueled as much by trading momentum as by substance; similarly to stocks. Nevertheless, if markets REALLY believed in the growth/reflation and whatever stories, we should be seeing a continuation higher in yields, once this recent yield range-- 2.3% - 2.6%, roughly, on the bellwether 10-year I.O.U. as you already know -- is exhausted.

Trouble is, the market seems to be wanting to break the other way if it's going to break one end or the other of this range. As I write this, the yield on that 10-year Treasury has teased the *bottom* of the yield range yet again (2.31% and change Tuesday morning) before pulling back. And that this is the case even after New York Fed President Bill Dudley was one of three Fed heads (but the most important, as he controls the central bank's checkbook) to talk more of the Fed starting to unwind its balance sheet soon is telling. You'd think that would have led to *selling* of fixed income; but it didn't. And elsewhere, German bunds have rallied strongly anew as well, despite hints that the European Central Bank may soon be easing less.

One can make with some eloquence the case to be for or against Treasuries, even now after this latest rally. *And that worries me a little bit, I must confess*. I'll have more thoughts on this in the coming few days as warranted; especially as 1. Friday's jobs report for March and 2. the tenor of the Trump/Xi meeting seem to have a bearing.

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* The other half of The Odd Couple -- **gold** -- is in my mind a somewhat safer bet right now, frankly, than are Treasuries. The longer-term story is more constructive in the "Stagflation Lite" world.

And in that world, the two asset classes should part company for a while at least; gold benefitting from and Treasuries buffeted by somewhat higher inflation.

On this morning's podcast at http://www.kereport.com/2017/04/04/lot-negativity-gold-unfounded/ among other subjects I reiterated that gold has very much been the opposite number NOT of the U.S. dollar or another fiat currency, *but very much of the U.S. stock market*. And a break for the yellow metal above its resistance in the $1,260 - $1,265 area will almost surely come if stocks roll over more broadly. And beyond that, as I also opine, for the first time in a while I'm getting a whiff of a little "geopolitical premium" in the gold price, as North Korea is becoming a more nagging concern.

* Among the sectors internally on Wall Street that have already weakened we have, as I warned would be the case a while back, **some of the cyclicals and basic materials stocks.** With anything REAL in the way of infrastructure spending especially being pushed farther out into the future, many stocks here have anew been repriced back *downward* as oversupply and a still-punk global economy are reckoned with.

While not everyone has so suffered, consider the nearby chart of iron ore miner Cleveland Cliffs (NYSE-CLF) showing how **this company's valuation has been cut by a third in about a month and a half.** The same pattern is being repeated elsewhere for other base metals miners and many an infrastructure play.

Interestingly enough, **copper** has held in there some, though, even as the long strike at BHP's Escondida Mine is ending. Labor issues at other major mines are helping to keep a floor under the price. Longer-term there are renewed threats of a major disruption at another giant: Freeport's Grasberg Mine in Indonesia (one reason revisiting that particular stock scares me!)

But while the near term still has me ambivalent on base metals due to the risk of a further contraction in global trade and the trouble of global economies to grow very much to begin with due to existing high debt levels, **the long-term picture for the red metal is encouraging**. Here and elsewhere in these kinds of companies we'll have opportunities for better and relatively safer entry points contrary to what is before us right now (a view I have continued to have generally on energy stocks as well.)

As a great way to grow more in love with **the MONSTER Cascabel deposit in Ecuador**, check out **SolGold plc's** presentation as given at the big PDAC meeting in Toronto last month; it can be viewed at https://static1.squarespace.com/static/560a5feee4b0a63bf47c76f5/t/58c77085e3df28e446dc4bcf/1489465556190/SOLGOLD_MARCH_2017_PDAC.pdf. Toward the end you'll see some fundamentals on the prospects for **copper specifically** that will blow your mind!

SECTOR AND COMPANY UPDATES

In a close election this past Sunday, ruling party candidate Lenin Moreno (left in green) won a narrow victory over former banker Guillermo Lasso to succeed outgoing Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa. By several accounts, the difference in the end seemed to be that Lasso was more hobbled by his "scandals" of the past (alleged profiteering from a past banking crisis and then squirreling vast sums of money out of Ecuador for safekeeping.) Moreno was harmed less by the ongoing charges of cronyism and kickbacks during Correa's terms. Interestingly, polls that had up until a few days prior to the election slightly favored Lasso on balance tipped toward Moreno, as enough Ecuadorians seemed to adopt the attitude, at the least, of favoring "the devil they know." **Additionally, I think that there was a still-strong ideological component to things; and brash at times or not, Correa's rule and his "21st century socialism" has generally been a good thing for the country and its people.** Enough of the country's citizens wanted to stay that course though--as you would imagine--votes were starkly cast along economic lines, with poorer citizens going for Moreno and business/affluent for Lasso.

Where our immediate concerns are regarding the resurgence of the mining industry, there is no reason to believe things will change. On top of what I've said to you over time and what I have heard pretty much unanimously from those I talk with, Mining Minister Javier Cordova told *Mining.com* at last month's PDAC confab in Toronto that all systems will remain "go" no matter the election outcome. He crowed, indeed, of the huge increase in granted concessions, associated income to the government and more to come; go to http://www.mining.com/ecuador-anticipates-4-billion-in-mining-investments-by-2021/ for that interview.

One of the things that has been remarkable to witness in recent months is **the increasing speed with which mining majors, royalty companies and major investors are descending on Ecuador**, wanting to catch up on the exciting developments on the ground so as not to be left behind. It's been particularly interesting to hear of even companies still very much in the greenfield exploration stage being contacted; typically, larger concerns wait for a verified resource. But one cannot help but understand that Ecuador is THE last place in South America that has remained largely unexploited; and I expect to see an increased stream of investment-oriented news.

SolGold, plc is well underway now with its overall four-year aggressive exploration program at Cascabel (as you know the company is the operator of this ever-higher profile project and 85% owner; **Cornerstone Capital Resources** owns 15% of Cascabel, carried to a feasibility study.) As I am putting this issue together the companies have announced further results from the current several holes that have been completed or are still being drilled; Cornerstone's version of the press release (complete with copper equivalent calculations and graphics) can be viewed on its web site at http://www.cornerstoneresources.com/s/NewsReleases.asp?ReportID=784833&_Type=News&_Title=17-07-Cascabel-Exploration-Update-Holes-19-to-25

A while back some of you might have caught my 2-segment interview with SolGold's Executive Director Nick Mather (it's at http://www.kereport.com/2017/02/18/39904/, Segments 2 and 3.) I'd recommend listening again as well as checking out the most recent videos added to SOLG's own web site at http://www.solgold.com.au/videos/. As Mather discussed with me around the time of that conversation, the company, cashed up nicely, plans to keep adding to the size of Alpala specifically and begin before too long to start drilling other (mostly shallower) targets more aggressively as well.

"We can hit the calculate button any time we want," he said in answer to my question about exactly when we'll see the first *official* resource calculation. **But now--unlike the environment surrounding the company until less than a year ago--nobody needs to be convinced any longer that SolGold is on to a MONSTER.** Thus there is no reason to hurry, and nobody really to impress, by doing a resource calculation sooner as opposed to a likely larger (and perhaps more than one specific deposit) later.

As I opined recently, we should increasingly see **Cornerstone** viewed not just due to its minority interest in Cascabel but also for its several other prospects in Ecuador as this project generator continues its work. And so far in 2017 there is a LOT more to be excited about.

I already told you of one reason why CGP shares popped a while back when **Lumina Gold** announced its 4 million ounce (gold, *and* with other metals) resource at Cangrejos, located on the same trend and nearby CGP's Cana Brava. This makes the awarding of the Bramaderos concession back in January (news of that can be read at http://www.cornerstoneresources.com/s/NewsReleases.asp?ReportID=774898&_Type=News&_Title=17-02-Cornerstone-awarded-Bramaderos-concession) all the more interesting as it is in the same "neighborhood."

Bramaderos will be a high near-term priority for Cornerstone, likely on the way to attracting a joint venture/earn-in partner. As the company's chief geologist and country manager Yvan Crepeau told me a while back the property--following some sporadic exploration in the past--already has exhibited good indications at

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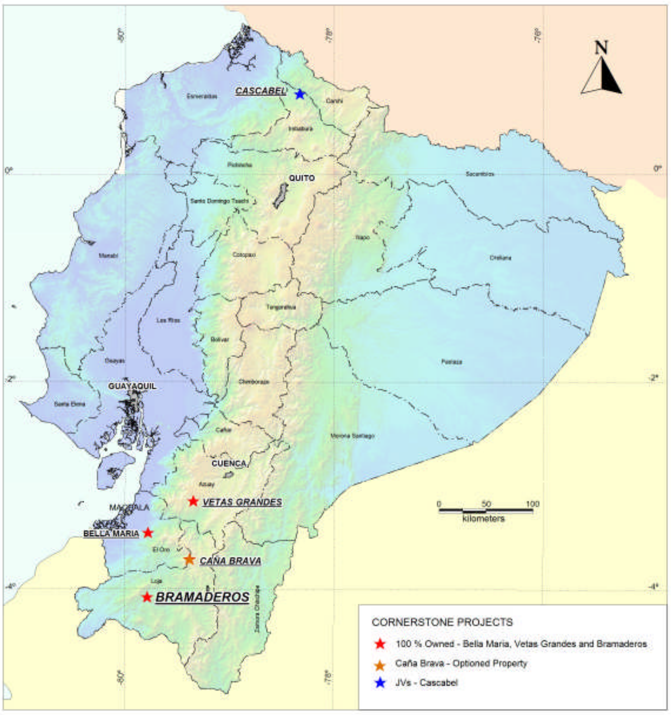


. . .Near Lumina's Cangrejos project (4 m oz Au resource now) and CGP's own Cana Brava and Vetas Grandes prospects.

surface via soil and rock testing and some early geochemical work. He is hopeful that the porphyry target (more gold than copper in this area) can be advanced fairly quickly, as there are several near drill-ready targets already identified.

Early last month, Cornerstone via its own joint venture arrangement with state mining corporation ENAMI was granted a number of additional mineral concessions in Imbabura and Carchi provinces in northern Ecuador; these in the same area as the Cascabel and the Llurimagua concessions. Those interested can read details of those latest concessions (more are expected soon) at http://www.cornerstoneresources.com/s/NewsReleases.asp?ReportID=781535&_Type=News&_Title=17-06-ENAMI-and-Cornerstone-awarded-new-concessions-near-Cascabel.

Contrary to my prior expectations, the Mining Ministry under Cordova has in recent months released a considerable number of concessions (and as Cordova himself pointed out in the article I linked you to a couple pages back.) Thus bolstering its own holdings was **Lumina Gold**, adding property surrounding *both* of its key projects: Cangrejos, as well as the Condor project in southeastern Ecuador, acquired via last year's takeover of the old Ecuador Gold and Copper. Details of those concessions granted just before Christmas can be reviewed at https://luminagold.com/news/2016/lumina-gold-granted-title-to-cangrejos-20-and-awarded-additional-concessions.

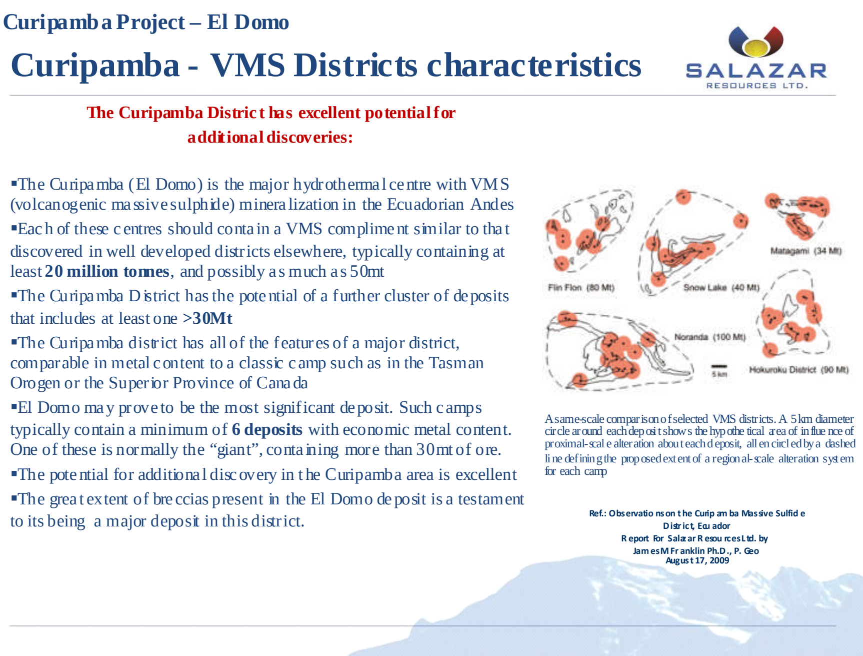
A couple weeks ago the company announced **a new 12,000-meter Infill drill program at Cangrejos** (details at https://luminagold.com/news/2017/lumina-gold-announces-12000-meter-infill-drill-program-at-cangrejos) The company's Diego Benalcazar told me that the objectives are 1. to increase the size of the resource and 2. upgrade at least some from the indicated to the inferred category. Things have been hobbled a bit by the torrential El Nino-inspired rains in southern Ecuador (though Peru has reportedly been hit the hardest of anywhere.) None the less, we should expect to hear some news later in the year.

It won't surprise me to hear of other exploration plans coming from the company imminently as well.

I was also able to catch up at some length recently with Freddy Salazar, Jr., the son of perhaps Ecuador's most accomplished home-grown geologist. **Salazar Resources** shares--usually very quietly traded (though I discussed with Freddy some help we might be able to give)--had popped up on what was for the company fairly brisk activity recently.

Apart from the overall interest in companies exploring in Ecuador, the company did itself proud again when it released back on March 23 **assay results from the first 12 of a planned 40 drill holes at its El Domo target within its 21,500-hectare, 100%-owned Curipamba volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) project.** Full details of the results can be viewed on Salazar's web site at http://www.salazarresources.com/docs/SRL_News_Release_March23_2017-FINAL.pdf

As you may remember from my initial recommendation, **this project's existing resource is of a higher economic value (precious and base metals combined) of ANY now known in the country.** And I suspect by the time we get to all the assay results at year end we could well see a similar situation to what we did with SolGold late last Summer, where there are attempts to take the company out before its share price *even begins* to reflect the company's value. But fortunately--as with SOLG--Salazar is very tightly held by management and its chief outside investor; so we *shouldn't* have to worry about SRL being taken out at an unfair price.



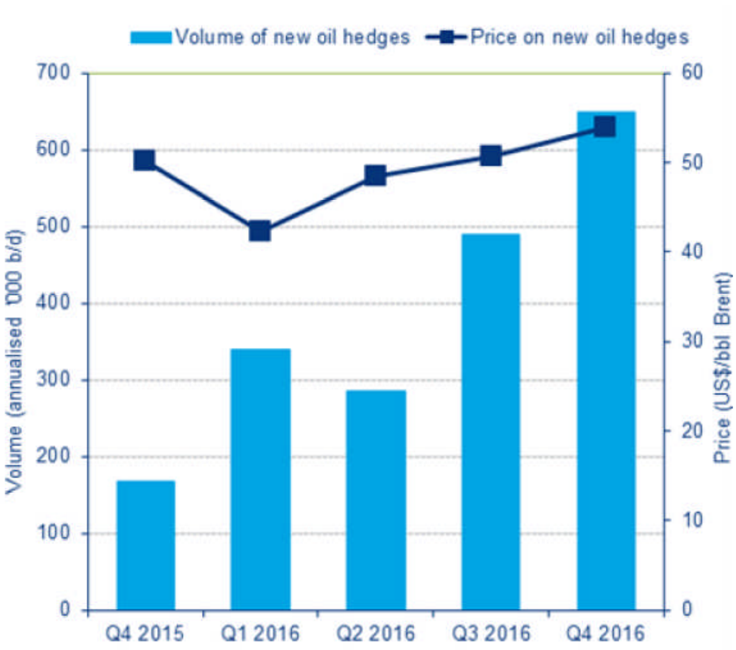
Besides the drilling itself, the company's crew is also doing further metallurgical work on El Domo cores. Between the two we *could* see in the months ahead even an update to the existing prefeasibility study.

Speaking of a really out of whack low share price, a quick word on **Encanto Potash** before I move on to some energy-related stocks. . .there has been, as you know, a litany of news from the company, *but almost no response from the share price.* As I have explained before--and just described above somewhat in Salazar's not being concerned about "marketing" itself up until now--Encanto likewise has priorities that do not necessarily include high on the list aggressively promoting its company to retail investors. Indeed, where potash specifically is concerned, few are paying attention anyhow due to the continued weakness in the price.

Instead, most everything the company is doing is meant NOT to satisfy investors at this point, BUT A POTENTIAL LENDER. Of all the recent news, arguably the most important in this regard was that of March 23, at http://www.encantopotash.com/english/news/default.aspx?item=143. Essentially, a part of this arrangement where the big engineering/logistics firm AMEC Foster Wheeler is now involved with helping to plan and eventually build the Muskowekwan Project is to update the economics and--in the end--demonstrate its economic viability to those it will approach (or who will approach the company) for financing.

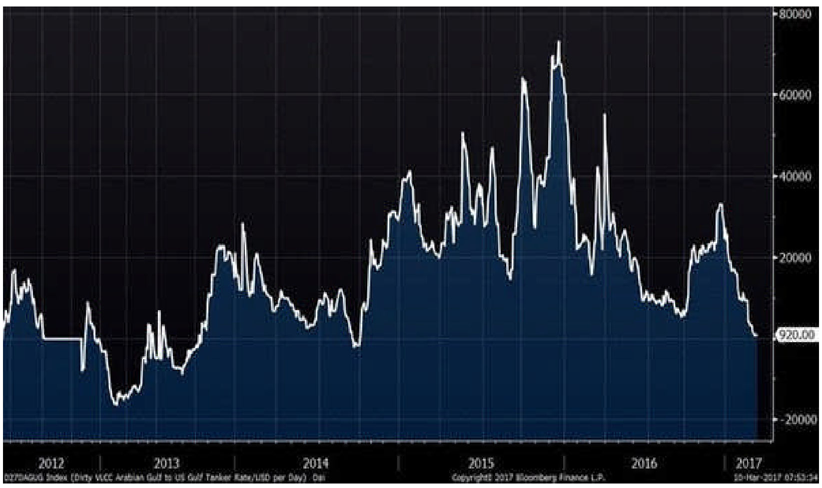
I am expecting the company/Muskowekwan First Nation/Encanto to work toward an updated economic study that would include a new calculation as to the net present value (N.P.V.) of what will be a *multi-decade* producer. Though the potash price for now continues to be on the weak side (though stable after the collapse of a few years back) it is likely that an updated economic study will benefit from the *lowered costs* almost across the board; especially for water, natural gas and rail service.

Though it's been an agonizing wait, if/when the company is able to update its numbers and secure financing (and continue with its other trading company initiatives) the share price WILL still take care of itself in the end.

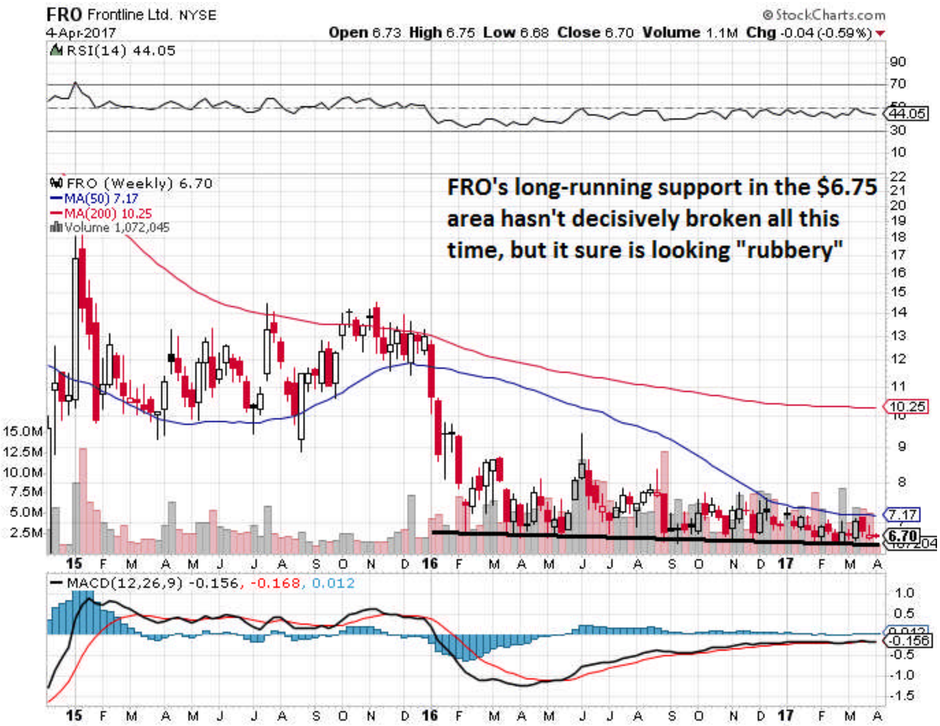


As I write this, **the crude oil price** has indeed come back up off its recent lows, not to mention its near-breaking *downward* out of its year-long up trend channel I showed you recently. This is not to suggest that we're going to see a whole heck of a lot any time soon to the *upside*. Oversupply issues are still dogging oil, even if they are less bad than a while back. Further--as you see at left--producers have over the last couple quarters aggressively locked in prices for future production (no doubt in many a case due to their lenders' demands.)

Giving credit where it's due (and helping my views along as well!) my old friend Keith Schaefer, Publisher of the *Oil and Gas Investments Bulletin*-- https://oilandgas-investments.com/-- days ago predicted why oil would bounce. He and I trade publications and have kept in sporadic touch in the nearly 20 years since we first met under the "wings" of Frank Giustra and the old Vanguard promotion company in Vancouver, B.C. (and benefitted, as did my Members back then, from several of the hot companies in the early stages of that big resource bull market of the early "aughts."



Highlighting in part the chart you see at right, Schaefer pointed out that the collapse in charter rates for ocean-borne oil recently points to a looming further reduction in imported oil into the U.S. (as there is less demand now for shipping.) He also pointed out that crude oil stockpiles had swelled due to a lot of shut-in refining capacity all at once due to maintenance and to switch over, for some, to Summer formulations for gasoline. Thus--and again, not that this means we'll see $60/barrel any time soon--**we can at least have some higher confidence that the recent lows will hold, especially as we head toward the usual seasonal demand surge as Spring gets farther along.**



In light of the above development it's no surprise that **Frontline, Ltd.** has continually bounced along the bottom of its long-term support. . .*and worryingly as the occasional rallies get ever less energetic*. The question is whether all the bad news is already reflected in FRO's price, making it *still* a compelling enough value here.

Up through the end of 2016, the company's financial performance remained less bad than some had feared. Better-than-expected fourth quarter results brought full-year net income to 75 cents/share (a $117 million profit) on revenues of $592.7 million. But that weak recent pricing has most braced for a drop in 2017; the only question is, *how much*?

Also putting off some is the continuing saga over whether Frontline will succeed in its hostile bid to buy fellow tanker company DHT Holdings, Ltd. (NYSE-DHT.) Frontline already owns 17% of DHT; the companies are now negotiating.

That FRO has maintained a decent dividend and *not* had its share price break down despite the poor fundamentals right now is encouraging more than not; and inclines me to stick with FRO *for now*. But if we don't get a decent movement here--or a break in the DHT news--sooner rather than later I may change my mind. **So for now, FRO is back to a "HOLD."**

For more from the company directly visit http://www.frontline.bm/.

Another recent stinker where its share price is concerned--but one that should bounce back sharply as energy firms up more--is **Pioneer Energy Services**. We've given back our initial gains in this one *and more*; but I continue to believe it will be a BIG winner down the road as drilling activity is bolstered by Trump Administration policies favoring U.S. production of oil and gas, and as imports continue to dwindle. **Even at a long-term oil price in the $50's, PES should do very well.**

Analysts continue to be high on the company, even though its bottom line will likely remain in the red for another year or more. They are undoubtedly not looking at this as much as they are basing their views 1. on continued high levels of activity and 2. on a substantial increase in revenues for PES, to as high as $566 million for 2018 (which would be doubled from 2016!)

If that optimism pays off, that would support estimates for about an $8/share price for the company which would translate into a market cap not far above those earnings. And $10/share would be more likely, if oil can make a new higher threshold price in the $60/barrel area (and natural gas stays well North of $3/mcf.)

When the company announced its 2016 results--which can be viewed at http://pioneeres.investorroom.com/2017-02-17-Pioneer-Energy-Services-Reports-Fourth-Quarter-2016-Results--it was optimistic in that every one of its businesses was looking at better times, as its E&P customers increase capital budgets. Colombia was looking up as well.

As I am finishing this issue, **Enterprise Products Partners** has announced a 5% increase in its quarterly distribution, to $1.66 on an annualized basis. *This comes as EPD has reestablished itself as one of the darlings of MLP and energy investors specifically, and of yield-hungry investors generally.*

Technically, it seems as if the share price is breaking back higher (right) as the headwinds of *both* weak energy prices until recently and interest rate fears are dissipating. EPD raising its distribution again underscores its renewed financial strength as well, and further puts in the rear view mirror the financial pressures of the late cyclical energy bear market.

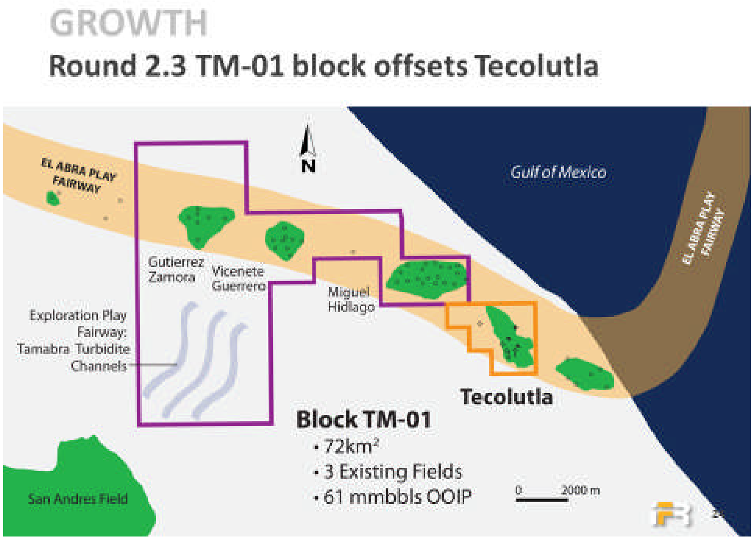
Fundamentally, Enterprise is more attractive than ever due to its industry leadership; among the metrics, 49,300 miles of pipelines; 260 million barrels of storage capacity for NGLs, crude oil, refined products and petrochemicals; and 14 billion cubic feet of natural gas storage capacity. **But it's in the booming NGL industry especially that EPD is really establishing itself**; and that will be a great anchor going forward as this resurgent cash machine seeks to more fully recover its former glory (not to mention a share price north of $40!) *Analysts are looking for a recovery to the mid-$30's as of now.*

As one analyst commented recently in regard to the company's outsized NGL industry presence, "Enterprise Products owns some of the largest NGL pipeline systems in the US, such as the 8,000-mile long Mid-America Pipeline System or the 1,900-mile-long South Texas NGL Pipeline System. But what I really like about Enterprise Products is that it is the only MLP which dominates the entire NGL value chain starting from gas gathering assets to ethane export plant. The company owns more than two dozen NGL processing plants, 15 NGL fractionators, storage facilities that can hold more than 170 million barrels of NGLs and export facilities that can ship ethane, polymer-grade propylene, liquefied petroleum gas in addition to crude oil and refined products. . .No other MLP has a bigger portfolio of NGL-focused assets that are spread across the value chain. Enterprise Products has built this portfolio over the last several years which will be difficult for a competitor to replicate in the near term. This is the company's competitive advantage."

You can read a GREAT, updated profile of the company by *Motley Fool* write Matt DiLallo at https://www.fool.com/investing/2017/03/31/5-things-you-didnt-know-about-enterprise-products.aspx?yptr=yahoo, underscoring just what a powerhouse this MLP has become.

International Frontier Resources' President and C.E.O. Steve Hanson and his C.O.O. Andy Fisher are in Mexico City this week participating in panel discussions at the Oil and Gas Council's 2017 Mexico Energy Assembly. This event takes on greater significance now as the privatization of that country's energy industry--*for which IFR has a front row seat*--continues to move forward. Indeed, among IFR's unique first mover advantages, part of Hanson's presentations expected--together with the Toronto Stock Exchange--deal with raising capital via Canadian markets. And that helps to underscore the implicit support the company has from the government itself; something highlighted back in January when the company announced **a closing of an Account Performance Security Guarantee facility of almost $900,000 with Export Development Canada.** That essentially underwrote for International Frontier its portion of the performance bond issued by Mexican subsidiary Tonalli Energy, which IFR owns together with Grupo IDESA.

"IFR is honored to be the first Canadian oil and gas exploration and production company to be backed by EDC in Mexico," commented Hanson on that January 5 announcement. And for his part, Mark Senn--a regional V.P. of Export Development Canada--added, "IFR's early success in Mexico provides a great example of the world-class expertise that Canada's junior oil and gas companies have to offer in emerging markets. With the energy reforms taking place in Mexico right now, we believe there are



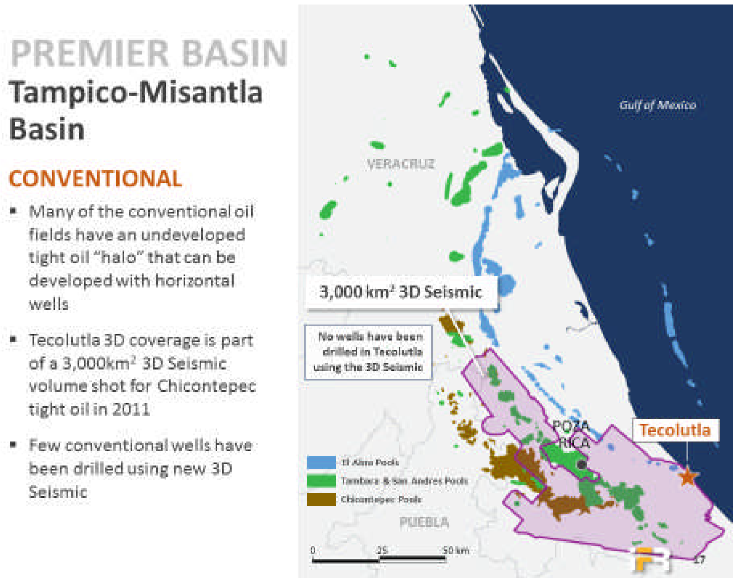
tremendous opportunities to be had in that sector, and IFR has just proven that Canadian companies have what it takes to compete and win in the market."

Now nicely cashed up following its recent oversubscribed private placement and slated to start development at the Tecolutla block the Tonalli J.V. acquired previously (the company could be *the first one* in the coming months to begin producing and selling oil *as a private concern* in Mexico!) IFR now is bidding on Round 2.3 of the government's ongoing auctions. **And what is more exciting still is that this area--the Onshore Tampico-Misantla Basin, where IFR already has Tecolutla and is bidding on an adjoining block--has been described in a new analysis from I.H.S. Markit as one of the premier "Super Basins" *in the world*.**

This is from a recent article on that research:

"In its *Super Basins: The Basins that Keep on Giving* analysis, which is derived from the IHS Markit Basin Insights Service, IHS Markit -- a world leader in critical information, analytics and solutions -- identified the Tampico-Misantla as one of 24 onshore 'super basins' worldwide. The 'super basins' have multiple reservoirs and source rocks, diverse play types across numerous geologic horizons, infrastructure with access to markets, and established service sector and supply chains.

"In searching for super basins, we looked for at least 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) in conventional remaining reserves in basins that had already produced at least 5 billion BOE," said Robert Fryklund, chief upstream strategist at IHS Markit and a lead author of the report. "We did a global assessment of basins where our study criteria existed—looking for basins with multiple plays and at least two mature source rocks—basically basins that keep on giving and giving. Existing production indicates that there is extensive existing infrastructure."



The Tampico-Misantla Basin, which has been producing oil since the early 1920s, has those characteristics, Fryklund said. ***"In many ways, it may well mirror America's model super basin – the ever-resilient Permian Basin."*** (***Emphasis*** added.)

It's presently expected that the next concessions from this round will be awarded by the government in July. A total of 14 new blocks are up for bid; I believe IFR is bidding on several in addition to the one adjoining Tecolutla.

It's important to keep in mind here that--despite the past production in basins such as this--PEMEX (the state energy company in Mexico) has not begun to keep up in recent years with the advances in technology and enhanced production. In short, in many energy "play" areas, only the surface has been scratched of what *remain* as vast, VERY low-cost potential producers. Indeed, as Hanson reminded me anew in our most recent visit, these big Mexican fields are in the lowest quartile in the world as to costs; and production costs of $10-12/barrel are the norm.

To keep up with the company, visit them at http://www.internationalfrontier.com/s/Home.asp.

You might also like to check out a recent interview of IFR's Hanson on *Bloomberg TV-Canada*, at http://bloombergtv.ca/2017-03-07/news/industries/energy/canadian-driller-not-worried-about-mexico-oil-wells-as-trump-threats-loom/ where he describes the Mexican privatization as "the largest energy opportunity in the world today."

Indeed, **some small energy stocks *generally*** may well be among the best places for the part of your portfolio you dedicate to individual stocks. Larger-cap energy stocks as you already know remain well below their reaction highs of late last year. Many small cap ones never really did participate much in the rally of last year; or if they did they have since (like **Pioneer Energy Services**) pulled back.

Also on my recommended list as you know is long-suffering **Enterprise Group**. I went back to a "BUY" on it not long ago as the market has turned for energy AND specifically--in its case--as Canadian government infrastructure spending in further boosting business. My recently-updated report on the company can be read at https://nationalinvestor.com/wp-content/uploads/Enterprise-Group-Special-Report-March-2017.pdf, on the "Featured Opportunities" page of my web site.

And just a few days ago some additional coverage on Enterprise--and the report Yours truly prepared--was made available at http://www.investorideas.com/news/2017/energy/03282E.asp

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Like Enterprise, another company on my list for a while that has remained in the doldrums--*and is selling for a fraction of its net assets*--is **49 North Resource, Inc.** Unlike Enterprise--which has seen in the recent past some renewed interest and trading volume--FNR remains pretty much dormant.

Most misunderstood, it seems, about the company is that C.E.O. Tom MacNeill made the decision recently **to convert the company *back to* a listed investment company** (like a mutual fund, to use a term you're familiar with.) Thus -- though there remain a remnant of private company positions among the company's assets (I would encourage you to visit 49 North's web site at https://www.fnr.ca/ for a fresh look at them all)--the great majority are now of fellow public companies. This makes for a far easier task to value what FNR shares should be worth based on the value of its portfolio assets; **and recently a quick calculation suggests a net asset value of around C25 cents/share.**

We will want to see, of course, a more prolonged bull market for resources generally again in order to have 49 North get some traction; as well as renewed investor interest to begin with after being so long in "the wilderness." *Near term, though, there are two of its portfolio holdings (where FNR has large holdings) that could quickly provide a needed shot in the arm.*

49 North owns roughly half of the shares of Westcore Energy, L:td. (TSXV-WTR.) That company has been developing increased production of oil at its Saskatchewan properties; now up to a range of 100-150 barrels/day. MacNeill is especially excited about the upside development potential of this uncovered company; one which could provide the kind of BIG boost to FNR as have past companies that it was in at the early stages on.

Secondly, we have Omineca Mining and Metals (TSXV-OMM) and the potential near-term production at its Wingdam Gold Project (go to http://www.ominecamining.com/ to learn more.) This project is fully permitted already by the British Columbia government; the company is in the process of shopping for the C$20 million development capital needed.

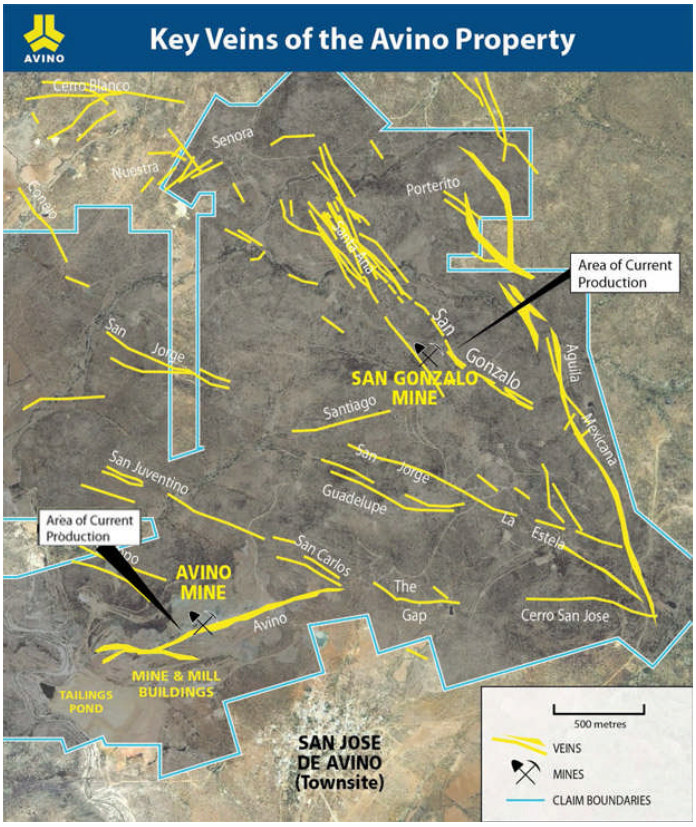
*I'll be following this up soon with more details on FNR's portfolio holdings; including **Shore Gold**.*

My recent rip to Durango State, Mexico, to visit the **Avino Silver and Gold Mines. Ltd.** flagship property was my first trip there after a few prior opportunities just didn't fit into out r mutual schedules; so it was overdue! Not only did I learn a couple new things by being there, but I had a great time visiting with both old and new friends and colleagues there. In the photo nearby, I had the pleasure of a post-tour dinner with (left, front to back) Mining analyst Ben Kramer-Miller of Frontier Merchant Capital Group, Doug Loud of Greystone Asset Management, Byron King of Agora Publishing and Mercedes Sanz Cerradas, who was first hired by Canadian mining legend Louis Wolfin--the father of Avino President and C.E.O. David Wolfin--to be the office manager for Avino down there *way back in the 1970's*. On the right is Yours truly, of course, in front; and behind me Avino's Investor Relations Director Jennifer North, Jasman Yee, P.Eng., a company Director and Joe Reagor, Mining analyst with Roth Capital Partners.

We spent a very long day underground at both of Avino's producing mines: the Avino Mine as well as the longer-running San Gonzalo Mine. Additionally, I was able to get a far better understanding of the company's progressing plans to re-work the MASSIVE old tailings on the property.

Back on March 1, the company announced its full-year results for 2016; **a year that I would describe as one of "digestion" ahead of what Wolfin hopes will be a "breakout year" in 2017** (The year's details can be read at http://www.avino.com/s/news.asp?ReportID=781169.) Most important on the financial front, the company reported an operating income of $14.5 million last year, up sharply from $8.1 million in 2015; *and this despite generally flat production*. Avino's finances benefitted from 1. the Avino Mine being placed officially into production, meaning that revenues from it could be *counted as* *revenues* and 2. The Avino complex being hooked up fully to the local power grid now, *dramatically* lowering costs for fuel and electricity.

And both of those factors should undergird even better financial performance going forward as plans crystallize to ramp up production even further. The present ore run rate now in the 1500 ton/day area is planned to be ramped up to 2,500 tons/day within the next year or so as an additional recovery Circuit--Circuit 4--is added (I saw the preparations for that while I was there.) Together with the developing plans to start working the oxide tailings resource, I am expecting to see a fairly dramatic boost over this year and next to the company's overall production and--provided metals prices hold up--its top and bottom lines alike.



The biggest eye-openers for me while at Avino are my now-enhanced understanding of both 1. the upside development potential of the whole complex, which I didn't fully appreciate prior and 2. the possibility at some point of *at least an attempt* to take over Avino on the part of a bigger company. After our look underground at both active mines, we spent some time, among other things, in one of the offices (above left you see me listening intently as C.O.O. and Mine Manager Carlos Rodriguez goes over some maps.) And as you can see on one rough one above right, the veins being mined at both San Gonzalo and Avino are but two of *numerous* ones that have been identified by drilling.

I was also intrigued to learn that Coeur Mines (to the west) and copper producer Grupo Mexico (to the east) "sandwich" Avino with their own land/claim holdings (though neither are in production right now.) To the north, is PEÑOLES, the biggest silver producer in the world. *'Nuff said.*

Elsewhere, Avino is proceeding with its program to eventually put the Bralorne Mine in B.C. back into production. It has been a slow permitting process in some respects (in part due to the fallout over the Mount Polley disaster in the Summer of 2014, where a tailings dam gave way.) But now that the cleanup is underway and all, even the Mount Polley Mine was recently slated to reopen (that news at http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/mount-polley-mine-1.3650218 as reported by the *CBC* last June.) And with its own permits in hand, Avino will be proceeding with upgrading Bralorne's capacity.

To really get an updated and comprehensive look at one of the better organic growth stories in a mining company you'll find, I urge you to check out the company's 2017 forecast, published back on January 23; it's at http://www.avino.com/s/news.asp?ReportID=776401. There you will get a VERY detailed look at the expansion plans in Mexico, and the three-phase one at Bralorne.

One sad note: C.E.O. David Wolfin was not one of those with our group in Durango--though he was scheduled to be--due to the then-ill health of his Dad. **And on March 3, Louis Wolfin passed away peacefully at home at the age of 85.** Lou was long hailed as one of the great explorers and property/project builders around. At left you see a plaque commemorating his founding of Avino back in 1968.

I have *long* touted **Seabridge Gold** as one of the best trading vehicles among individual companies to play the ups in gold (and escape some of the "downs" when we trade out of it.) Recently we got back in at a very nice level (around $9/share) *but I'm less of a mind these days that I'd want to treat Seabridge shares the same as GDX, GDXJ and the like that ARE chiefly trading vehicles, at least as I use them.*

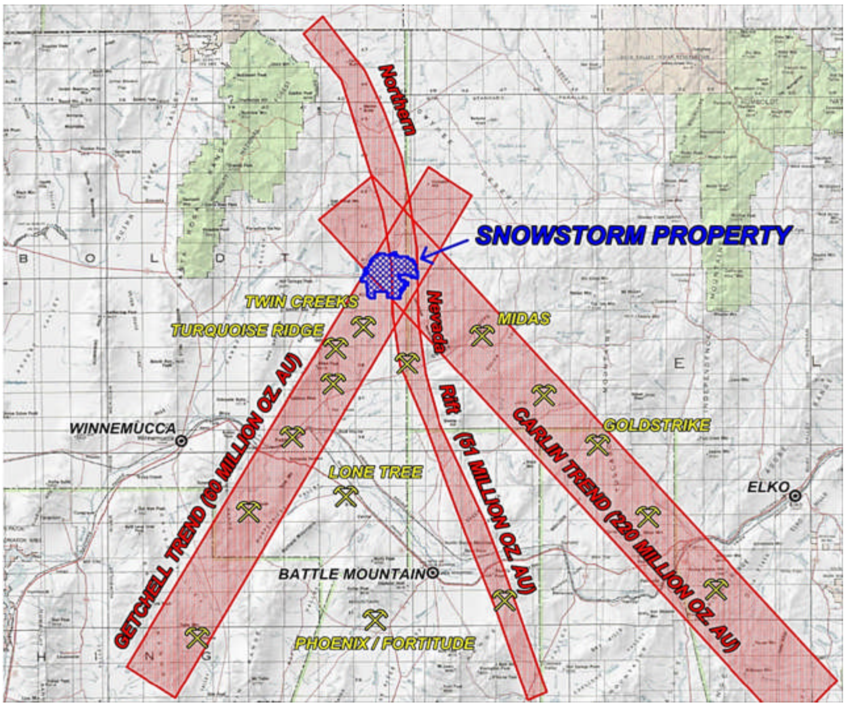
The reason is twofold; but both point to Seabridge as less a "long-term call option" on gold as I have described it and more of a company 1. with a solid and FAR more economically viable asset base in British Columbia, anchored by its KSM Project **and 2. now with a MJAOR footprint in Nevada in the form of the recently-acquired Snowstorm Project from a group led by well-known investor (and usually a gold bug) John Paulson.**

First of all, not only has the size of KSM's HUGE reserves continued to go up but the economics continue to look ever better, especially when you consider the growing possibility of a more sustained rise not just in gold, but in copper. (You can read of the latest increase in the Deep Kerr resource specifically at http://seabridgegold.net/News/Article/651/seabridge-gold-achieves-further-expansion-of-deep-kerr-resource)

Increasingly, the resources of the company at KSM and Deep Kerr are garnering closer looks from majors, as the economics of the growing copper deposit, with the gold, are understood. As the company's Chairman and C.E.O. Rudi Fronk reminded me recently, every 10 cents/pound increase in the copper price reduces the total (gold) production costs by $38/ounce, if the copper is treated as a byproduct credit.

The new inferred resource *at Deep Kerr alone* now totals 1.92 billion tonnes grading 0.41% copper and 0.31 grams/tonne gold (containing 19.0 million ounces of gold and 17.3 *billion* pounds of copper) constrained by conceptual block cave shapes. **And with the copper, one calculation shows life of mine operating costs are now a NEGATIVE $179 an ounce for the gold while all-in costs fall to just $358 an ounce.**

Seabridge continues drilling (at right you see one rig at work) and other exploration and development work. It recently completed a new financing, with which, in part, it will do more work on its 100%-owned Iskut Project in B.C. (some news on its significance from an October 26 press release can be read at http://seabridgegold.net/News/Article/634/seabridge-gold-identifies-a-large%2C-untested-target-at-iskut-project) Elsewhere I am anxious to learn more next time I visit with Fronk about the company's plans for the SnipGold assets it acquired last June. (NOTE: For an updated overall take on Seabridge straight from the horse's mouth, you can watch an interview of Fronk by *Kitco News* at http://www.kitco.com/news/video/show/GSA-Investor-Day-2017/1516/2017-03-02/Worlds-Largest-Gold-Project---Seabridge-CEO-Speaks-Out.)



At the end of that interview, Fronk mentions the recent purchase of the Snowstorm Project from hedge fund titan Paulson and Company; a head-turner of a development to say the least. The land package consists of 31 square miles of holdings which--as you see in the map at left--seem to be pretty much at the intersection of the Carlin and Getchell Trends and the Northern Nevada Rift Zone.

Reportedly, Paulson Gold Holdings, L.P. (this asset also had as an owner at one time Wayne Huizenga) spent some $30 million on exploration that was more of the "treasure hunting" variety--trying to make a big "hit"--than of any methodical, carefully-laid out game plan. Simply put the picture seemed to be of investors who wanted some exposure to gold--*and wanted this asset in particular*--but did not have or know how to acquire the expertise to explore the property correctly.

Seabridge has had its eye on Snowstorm for a while; and even tried to buy it way back in 2013. That didn't work out; but last Fall the asset was back on the market "at better terms," as Fronk told me. And he was quite excited about this long-sought project in America's best mining jurisdiction; Snowstorm, he said, has "phenomenal potential," and could well have a 10 million ounce (gold) potential over time (for all of the details of the Snowstorm acquisition, check out Seabridge's February 14 news at http://seabridgegold.net/News/Article/650/seabridge-gold-to-acquire-snowstorm-project.) *This year*, Fronk said, Seabridge will atempt to "wrap our arms around" all the data amassed at Snowstorm over 15 years "and put it into a usable form." That will set the stage for further exploration and "maybe" some drilling by next year.

Notably, for his part, **John Paulson was as interested in having exposure to KSM, etc. as he was in finding someone competent to buy and begin to develop his Snowstorm asset** (among the payment to his company is 700,000 Seabridge shares and four-year warrants to buy up to 500,000 more at $15.65/share.) Said Paulson of the sale, "We chose Seabridge as the best home for the Snowstorm Project because they share our vision of the project's geologic potential and their exploration team has done an outstanding job of growing the resources and reserves on their existing projects. Moreover, Seabridge's projects, particularly KSM, will provide us with significant leverage to a higher gold price."

Another of my favorite themes that has been *painfully* slow to develop has been what I have termed a **uranium** bull market looming that--once underway--could become a "rip your face off" variety. But slowly but surely, a few more pieces seem to be coming into place.

First of all, newly-installed Energy Secretary Rick Perry (right) made fairly clear that he is going to be **a friend to U.S. uranium** in addition to domestic energy otherwise. During his confirmation hearing, Perry promised to meet with domestic producers (including, of course, **Energy Fuels**) to formulate a long-term management plan for the department's own excess uranium inventories. One continued drag up until now for the market has been that the DOE has been selling significant amounts of its own excess stockpiles without regard to producers or the long-term fundamentals/needs of the industry; that Perry acknowledges this is hopeful.

Further--as **Energy Fuels'** Curtis Moore opined recently--it's becoming more apparent that we're now *months*--rather than a year or two--away from **utilities having to step back up in a bigger way to tie up some longer-term supplies.** And the simple fact of life is that there simply is not going to be enough uranium to go around before long; not only here in the U.S. but elsewhere.

As for the company specifically, one of the most exciting recent developments (similarly to Seabridge's KSM, where growing copper resources have served to make what had been a more gold-specific project even more ttractive) is **the continued intersections of some VERY rich copper mineralization to go along with uranium at the company's Canyon Mine in Arizona.** At the end of last year the company reported more drilling news, which you can read at http://www.energyfuels.com/news-pr/high-grade-uranium-intercepts-energy-fuels-canyon-mine-continue-expand-mineralized-zone/. Moore told me recently that more news will be coming before long on this, with the prospect of **a maiden copper resource** along with an upgrade to the uranium one possible within the next several months.

Elsewhere, the company recently received approval for additional development/production wells for its In Situ production at Nichols Ranch in Wyoming. If the uranium price comes back sooner rather than later we could see a near-tripling in production there (as of now Nichols Ranch production should be 350,000 pounds in 2017.)

Here again, as a great refresher, take a look at a recent interview of Moore on *Commodity TV* at http://www.energyfuels.com/news-pr/curtis-moore-speaks-commodity-tv/ Additionally, the company put out a comprehensive written letter to shareholders recently from President/C.E.O. Stephen Antony; it's a great narrative of the evolving fundamentals of the uranium market generally and UUU particularly and can be read at http://www.energyfuels.com/news-pr/energy-fuels-issues-letter-shareholders-2/. Rather compelling about it (and bringing to mind, among others, the ramped-up insider buying where **Enterprise Group** is concerned, as I have written to you recently) is that UUUU management is also "eating its own cooking."

Finally for this issue, a few "quickie" looks at three other companies on which I have changed the "status" recommendation most recently:

-- **Groupon** -- Its shares having fluttered back down yet again into the $3's each I have gone back to a BUY on Groupon. If you missed it, PLEASE go back and watch the interview of C.E.O. Rich Williams on CNBC back on February 17, at http://video.cnbc.com/gallery/?video=3000594237&play=1. As he described back then--and as I have opined otherwise--the company IS delivering on many of its plans (including adding five million new North American customers last year, the most in four years) even if it still gets more skepticism than love from Wall Street.

It remains my firm view that this is an $8 - 10 stock once investors get their heads out of their rear ends. For more visit http://investor.groupon.com/

-- **Coral Gold** is back to an "Accumulate." Though the key company assets were bought by Barrick Gold as you will recall, the company still has some interesting prospects. And with the better environment over all for explorers, CLH's share price has held nicely north of C30 cents. *I'll have a more specific update on Coral in the very near future.*

For a refresher, for now, go to www.coralgold.com.

-- Finally, where status changes go, **Oceanus Resources** is downgraded to a "HOLD." More so than many other exploration plays in its peer group that had nice runs in recent months and have since sold off some, the drop in OCN seems to me even more a case of *factors beyond the market itself*. Simply put, I think there is some weaker confidence toward the company. Some of the recent exploration news seemed to be less impressive than what had been hoped for. And further--similarly as to **GoGold**, which I threw in the towel on for many of the same reasons--it seems as if the company is ill-equipped to properly *sell itself* and what are admittedly compelling assets in some sense.

So until I can get reassured on OCN, sit tight for now; I may do as I did with a few laggards later in the year last year and advise we get out in favor of some "better energy" and engagement among explorers that have it all put together better. If you would like to revisit Oceanus and its El Tigre property, visit them at http://www.oceanusresources.ca/s/Home.asp

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RECENTLY CLOSED POSITIONS

The *current* allocation and individual ETF/stock recommendations which follow this section are but a part of our experience/story. Below are those ETF's and stocks we've sold of late (typically, this is a six month-running list), together with the *approximate* gain/loss on each. Figures are on a total return basis for dividend-paying securities and also take into consideration weighting/trading recommendations during our coverage as appropriate:

Security (stock or ETF)	Disposition
-- Sarepta Therapeutics (SRPT)	*Partial sale* Sept. 20; 392% GAIN from January
-- Direxion 3X Daily Emerging Mkts Bear (EDZ)	Stopped out Sept. 21; 8.5% LOSS
-- ProShs Ultra Short Oil and Gas (DUG)	Stopped out Sept. 22; FLAT
-- Pure Funds ISE Cyber Sec. ETF (HACK)	Sold Oct. 13; 2% GAIN from Feb., 2015
-- Global X Uranium ETF (URA)	Sold Oct. 13; 35% LOSS from Dec., 2014 and sub.
-- Cornerstone Capital Res. (CGP; CTNXF)	*Partial sale* Oct. 13; 750% GAIN from low
-- U.S. Natural Gas Fund (UNG)	Stopped out Oct. 21; 15.4% GAIN since 6/20
-- Rent-A-Center (RCII)	Sold Oct. 26; 57% LOSS from Oct., 2015
-- Alexandria Minerals (AZX; ALXDF)	*Final sale* Nov. 2; 44% GAIN on remainder

RECENTLY CLOSED POSITIONS CONT'D. . .

-- Direxion Daily Gold Miners Bull 3X (NUGT)	Stopped out Nov. 2; 18% LOSS
-- Van Eck Vectors Jr. Gold Miners (GDXJ)	Stopped out Nov. 2; 3% GAIN
-- Velocity Shs 3X Gold Long ETN (UGLD)	Stopped out Nov. 7; 9.8% LOSS
-- DB Gold Double Long ETN (DGP)	Stopped out Nov. 9; 7.8% LOSS
-- Adv. Shs. Gartman Gold/Euro ETF (GEUR)	Stopped out Nov. 10; FLAT
-- TerraX Minerals (TXR; TRXXF)	*Final sale* Nov. 22; 40.5% GAIN from Jan., 2014
-- GoGold Resources (GGD; GLGDF)	Sold Nov. 22; 57.8% LOSS since Feb., 2015
-- FireEye (FEYE)	*Final sale* Nov. 22; 53% LOSS on remainder
-- U.S. Natural Gas Fund (UNG)	Stopped out Dec. 7; 24.1% GAIN since Nov. 14
-- Omega Protein (OME)	Sold Dec. 14; 156% GAIN since Feb., 2011
-- Ingles Markets (IMKTA)	Stopped out Dec. 22; 38.9% GAIN since April
-- Universal Health Realty Inc. Trust (UHT)	Sold Jan. 10; 10.9% GAIN since Nov. 22
-- Air Methods (AIRM)	**Sold March 14; 34% GAIN since April, 2015**

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATIONS

Conservative/Income-Oriented Accounts

Cash	33%
Market Vectors High Yield Municipal ETF (HYD)	5%
PIMCO 25+ yr. Zero Treasury ETF (ZROZ)	5%
VanEck Fallen Angel HY Bond ETF (ANGL)	5%
iShares 20+ Year Treasury ETF (TLT)	5%
iShares 7 - 10 Year Treasury ETF (IEF)	5%
Global X Uranium ETF (URA)	2%
DB Gold Double Long ETN (DGP)	2%
Van Eck Vectors Gold Miners ETF (GDX)	2%
ProShares Ultra Pro Short S&P (SPXU)	4%
Conservative/Income-paying stocks	12%
Growth/Speculative stocks	24%

Aggressive / Growth Accounts

Cash	22%
Market Vectors High Yield Municipal ETF (HYD)	5%
PIMCO 25+ yr. Zero Treasury ETF (ZROZ)	5%
VanEck Fallen Angel HY Bond ETF (ANGL)	5%
iShares 20+ Year Treasury ETF (TLT)	5%
iShares 7 – 10 Year Treasury ETF (IEF)	5%
Global X Uranium ETF (URA)	3%
DB Gold Double Long ETN (DGP)	3%
Van Eck Vectors Gold Miners ETF (GDX)	3%
ProShares Ultra Pro Short S&P (SPXU)	4%
Direxion Daily Small Cap Bear 3X ETF (TZA)	3%
Van Eck Vectors Jr. Gold Miners (GDXJ)	3%
Conservative/Income-paying stocks	15%
Growth/Speculative stocks	29%

INDIVIDUAL INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

	Purchase Date	Price	P/E	Yield (%)	Status
Exchange -Traded Funds					
Market Vectors High Yield Muni ETF (NYSEArca-HYD)	11/26/2014	30.55	--	4.5	Accum.
PIMCO 25+ yr. Zero Coup Treas (NYSEArca-ZROZ)	7/6/2016	110.67	--	2.9	HOLD
VanEck Fallen Angel HY Bond (NYSEArca-ANGL)	7/12/2016	29.48	--	5.3	Accum.
iShares 20+ Year Treasury ETF (NASD-TLT)	12/23/2016	121.01	--	2.4	HOLD
iShares 7 - 10 Year Treasury ETF (NYSE Arca-IEF)	12/23/2016	105.80	--	1.8	HOLD
Global X Uranium ETF (NYSE Arca-URA)	1/11/2017	15.17	--	0.5	BUY
DB Gold Double Long ETN (NYSE Arca-DGP)	1/31/2017	23.72	--	--	BUY
Van Eck Vectors Gold Miners ETF (NYSEArca-GDX)	1/31/2017	23.45	--	0.3	BUY
ProShares Ultra Short S&P 500 (NYSE Arca-SPXU)	3/27/2017	17.19	--	--	BUY
Direxion Daily Small Cap Bear 3X (NYSE Arca-TZA)	3/27/2017	18.68	--	--	BUY
Van Eck Vectors Jr. Gold Miners (NYSE Arca-GDXJ)	3/27/2017	37.03	--	--	BUY
Income / Growth Stocks					
Salem Media Group (NASD-SALM)	3/14/2014	7.05	21.52	3.7	BUY
Medical Properties Trust (NYSE-MPW)	8/19/2014	13.14	10.27	7.3	BUY
CSI Compressco, L.P. (NASD-CCLP)	8/19/2014	9.58	--	15.8	BUY
Preferred Apartment Communities (NYSE-APTS)	12/22/2014	13.41	10.24	6.6	BUY
Frontline, Ltd. (NYSE-FRO)	6/8/2016	6.70	8.93	11.9	**HOLD**
Sprott, Inc. (TSE-SII; OTC-SPOXF)	10/24/2016	C2.20	17.20	5.4	BUY
Exelon Corp. (NYSE-EXC)	10/24/2016	36.14	13.54	3.6	BUY
Enterprise Products Partners (NYSE-EPD)	12/1/2016	27.68	19.91	5.9	BUY
Annaly Capital Management (NYSE-NLY)	12/2/2016	11.22	9.59	10.7	HOLD

	Purchase Date	Price	P/E	Yield (%)	Status
Income / Growth Stocks, cont'd.					
Senior Housing Properties Trust (NYSE-SNH)	12/29/2016	20.91	11.12	7.5	BUY
National Grid, plc (NYSE-NGG)	3/10/2017	63.12	18.84	4.7	BUY
Omega Healthcare Investors (NYSE-OHI)	3/24/2017	33.32	17.54	7.6	BUY
Growth Stocks					
49 North Resource, Inc. (TSXV-FNR; OTC-FNINF)	3/15/2010	C0.12	--	--	BUY
Adecoagro S.A. (NYSE-AGRO)	1/17/2013	11.55	20.63	--	HOLD
Enterprise Group, Inc. (TSE-E; OTC-ETOLF)	3/14/2014	C0.315	--	--	BUY
Falco Resources, Ltd. (TSXV- FPC;OTC-FPRGF)	5/14/2014	C0.97	--	--	BUY
Avino Silver and Gold, Ltd. (NYSEMkt-ASM; TSXV-ASM)	6/27/2014	1.87	37.40	--	BUY
Groupon, Inc. (NASD-GRPN)	7/13/2015	3.79	--	--	**BUY**
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock (NASD-GLDD)	11/3/2015	4.15	--	--	Accum.
Energy Fuels, Inc. (NYSE-UUUU; TSE-EFR)	11/27/2015	2.06	--	--	BUY
Sarepta Therapeutics (NASD-SRPT)	1/15/2016	28.79	--	--	Accum.
Matrix Service Co. (NASD-MTRX)	6/8/2016	16.15	15.44	--	BUY
AmerisourceBergen Corp. (NYSE-ABC)	6/8/2016	86.93	15.72	1.7	HOLD
Seabridge Gold (NYSE-SA; TSE-SEA)	11/22/2016	11.20	--	--	Accum.
Pioneer Energy Services (NYSE-PES)	12/1/2016	3.90	--	--	BUY
Lumina Gold (TSXV-LUM; OTC-ODMEF)	12/2/2016	C0.89	--	--	BUY
Cameco Corp. (NYSE-CCJ; TSE-CCO)	12/7/2016	11.10	--	2.7	BUY
Lannett Company, Inc. (NYSE-LCI)	3/24/2017	21.20	6.31	--	BUY
Speculative Stocks					
Shore Gold (TSE-SGF; OTC-SHGDF)	6/25/1997	C0.17	--	--	Accum.
Cornerstone Cap. Res. (TSE-CGP; OTC-CTNXF)	2/9/2000	C0.275	--	--	BUY
Kivalliq Energy (TSXV-KIV; OTC-KVLQF)	2/27/2012	C0.12	--	--	BUY
Encanto Potash (TSXV-EPO; OTC-ENCTF)	10/8/2013	C0.10	--	--	BUY
Frontier Lithium (TSXV-FL; OTC-HLKMF)	8/25/2014	C0.41	--	--	BUY
Coral Gold Resources, Ltd. (TSXV-CLH; OTC-CLHRF)	10/6/2014	C0.33	--	--	Accum.
Natcore Technology, Inc. (TSXV-NXT; OTC-NTCXF)	7/20/2015	C0.225	--	--	BUY
Theralase Technologies (TSXV-TLT; OTC-TLTFF)	11/27/2015	C0.36	--	--	BUY
Int'l Frontier Resources (TSXV-IFR; OTC-IFRTF)	8/19/2016	C0.38	--	--	BUY
Oceanus Resources (TSXV-OCN; OTC-OCNSF)	8/19/2016	C0.185	--	--	HOLD
Salazar Resources, Ltd. (TSXV-SRL; OTC-SRLZF)	10/13/2016	C0.16	--	--	BUY
Monarques Gold (TSXV-MQR; OTC-MRQRF)	12/2/2016	C0.395	--	--	BUY

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