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This is a brave decision because of the opposition of the green lobby, who naturally oppose anything to do with coal, despite the country having to import steel making coal as we don't currently produce any! And in order to import coal, ships which are powered by fossil fuels have to bring it from other countries!

I see the Labour Party are opposing the decision (no surprises there of course), despite them claiming to be on the side of employment, and a reduction in greenhouse gases.

They don't seem to realise that in order to make steel in the UK we need coking coal, so either we produce it, or have to import it from somewhere else, and the ships that deliver it burn fossil fuels in the process. It's clearly greener to mine it here than import it.

Glencore announced this week they were scrapping the planned new coking and thermal coal mine in Queensland, Australia, citing "global uncertainties and state subsidies" as the reasons for doing so.

They are also winding down their other producing coal mines, by around 2045! Not exactly in a hurry then, and of course the world needs coking coal to keep producing steel, otherwise the world's industry grinds to a halt.

Stocks we follow in the news this week.

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Ascot Resources announced an excellent drill hole, albeit only over 1 metre, at their Big Missouri project in the Golden Triangle of British Columbia. Whilst good drill holes are excellent news, the elephant in the room is the delay to the financing for their Premier Mine restart, after Sprott withdrew their finance offer.

I feel Ascot are just waiting for a buyer now, and if that occurs in the current market I fear it will be a paper deal done at a very small premium.

Rumble Resources also released good drill results, in an otherwise quiet week for them as Xmas approaches.

To read this week's news in full, please click on the links below.

<u>Maple Gold Ramps up Exploration</u>

<u>Ascot Resources Drills 488 g/t Gold over 1.0 m at Big</u> Missouri

Neometals' Primobius JV Update

Wesdome Gold Mines Declares Commercial Production at Kiena

Barkerville Gold Mines Toll Milling Accord

Rumble Resources Release Lamil Drill Results

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Mining Review Market Data Week on week price changes (US\$ unless stated)

Metal prices

Gold price in UK £	1466	+0.21%
Gold	1797	-0.06%
Silver	23.48	+1.34%
Palladium	1956	+2.68%
Platinum	1028	+0.78%
Rhodium	13140	-1.13%
Copper	3.87	+3.75%
Nickel	14.1	+15.38%
Zinc	1.47	+5.76%
Tin	11.07	+5.63%
Cobalt	23.25	-1.36%
Manganese	3.35	+0.60%
Lithium	77363	-2.67%
Uranium	48.5	-2.61%
Iron Ore	109.3	+6.95%
Coking Coal	279	+2.57%
Thermal coal	379	+0.66%
Magnesium	3370	+1.38%

Metal ETFs

GDX	29.07	-2.84%
GDXJ	35.7	-4.08%
Sil	28.52	-3.32%
SILJ	10.72	-4.37%
GOEX (PCX)	24.91	-4.01%
GLD	167.06	-0.12%
COPX	36.55	-1.06%

Miscellaneous data

Au / Ag Ratio	78.47	-3.88%
10 yr T bond (TNX)	3.57	+1.83%
2 yr T bond	4.31	+0.42%
US index (DXY)	104.93	+0.40%
HUI	227.68	-3.88%

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