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Calidus Resources project panoramic vista

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The main beneficiary seems to be the USA, with Europe now agreeing to buy a massive amount of LPG at a price much higher than the equivalent amount of gas would have cost purchased from Russia.

Nickel continues to rise again as longs have a trapped short, the Chinese 'Big Shot' cornered, and sense some easy blood. Everyone knows the shorter has to close out his huge nickel short position, so they are driving the price up against him. JP Morgan are one of the banks on the hook for this trade.

The LME wound back nickel trades recently, and that will likely lead to legal action against the exchange in the future.

## Mining news in general – UK listed companies in the news this week

**Beowulf Mining** received some good news, finally, from the Swedish government, with the award of the Kallak North Iron Ore Exploitation Concession, see [here](#).

**Ariana Resources** announced an impressive agreement with Newmont for their projects within the Tethyan Gold Belt of Eastern Europe, covering Serbia, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Greece and other Balkan countries, for an initial \$2.5 million investment, see [here](#).

**Petropavlosk**, the UK listed gold miner working in Russia had some bad news on Friday when the UK government sanctioned their bank in Russia, which provides their revolving credit facility, and they deliver their gold to. It is unclear whether this situation can be worked through, see [here](#).

If not, Petropavlosk will be quickly in default of its loan terms to their Russian bank, and one wonders what will happen

to their Russian mine in that event?

## Companies from our watchlist in the news this week.

### [Latrobe Magnesium Project Update](#)

[Calidus Resources reported Strong results from their drilling at Blue Spec, WA.](#)

[Silver Tiger Intersects 2,239 g/t Ag Eq Over 9.2 m](#)

[Los Cerros Reported Quinchia MRE of 2.6m Oz Gold](#)

[Calidus Resources New Presentation and Results](#)

[Orla Mining Commenced Near Mine Exploration](#)

[Los Cerros Ltd. – Trading Halt](#)

**Calidus Resources'** news from their Blue Spec property (70%) is significant as they look to add extra resources to increase production from 100,000 Oz Au per annum to around 130,000 Oz Au PA.

These early stage results are from a previously undrilled and untested area east of Blue Spec.

**Silver Tiger Metals** continued to report very impressive drill results from their El Tigre historical producing mine project, as they expand out following the prolific Sooy Vein, which was lost by the previous miners.

9.2 meters grading 2,239.0 g/t silver equivalent from 36.6 m

to 45.8 m is a very nice intercept, and at very shallow depth. I cannot wait for an updated resource calculation, as I feel it will be the catalyst for a rerate in the share price.

## Market Data (US Dollars)

### Precious metals

Gold	1968	+2%
Silver	25.53	+3%
Palladium	2268	-9%
Platinum	1000	-3%
Rhodium	17800	-12%

### Base metals

Copper	4.73	+3%
Nickel *	16.87 *	-12% *
Zinc	1.88	+9%
Tin	19.24	+1%

\* I'm not sure the **nickel** price quoted here is accurate, it was taken from Kitco and another source, but with the LME and Shanghai recording large gains since trading resumed, I'm not sure the figure quoted is correct.

### Energy Metals

Cobalt	37.31	+1%
Manganese	4.34	+10%
Lithium	74252	0%
Uranium	57.5	+2%

**Uranium** is slowly climbing as supplies from Russia and Kazakhstan may be in some doubt for the near future .

## Bulk commodities

Iron Ore	149.1	0%
Coking Coal	505	-19%
Magnesium	6519	0%
Lumber	1009	-16%

**Coking coal** was down on decreased iron ore production in China as the industrial regions are locked down, due to covid restrictions.

## Metal ETF's

GDX	38.72	+4%
GDXJ	48.26	+3%
Sil	37.23	+2%
SILJ	14.62	+3%
GOEX	33.48	+2%
GLD	182.38	+2%
COPX	46.47	+6%

## Miscellaneous indices

Au / Ag Ratio	76.23	-1%
10 yr T bond	2.479	+15%
US index (DXY)	98.81	+1%
HUI	314.8	+3%

A huge leap in the 10 year Treasury note this week, after the FED indicated rates would rise more quickly than previously thought.