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South Crofty Mine headframe, near Cambourne, Cornwall, England.

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weaker US dollar. More money printing is on the way as the Biden administration prepares to take office and that bodes ill for the US dollar value.

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Iron ore and copper prices remain high due to political problems and some supply constraints. The worsening political spat between Australia and China is causing price increases in a number of commodities, notably Coking Coal, used in steelmaking.

News from companies on our watchlist

<u>03 Mining delivered a positive PEA for their Garrison Project,</u> <u>near Kirkland Lake, Ontario</u>

<u>Bardoc Gold Director John Young bought 1.3 million shares in</u> the market

<u>Lithium Power were reported to be conducting a discounted</u> placing in a press rumour

<u>Westhaven Gold reported high grade gold intercepts in a new zone at Shovelnose</u>

Fiore Gold reported record results for 2020, and issued positive guidance for 2021

<u>Cartier advances Benoist with First Nations agreement</u>

Of note from the above was the excellent results reported by Fiore Gold, with a lower average gold price than the current spot price, so obviously if higher gold prices prevail we might see even better revenues for the FY 2021.

The 1.3 million share purchase by the Bardoc Gold director works out at just under A\$100,000, so that sends a strong statement to the market.

Westhaven Gold continue to report excellent grades from new areas on their Shovelnose Mountain project, but the market is not giving them any love for it currently.

Precious Metals

An excellent weak for gold and silver, up 2% and 8% respectively, helped by a falling US dollar, and inflation fears. Some investors are expecting gold to perform a year end rally, we shall see if the rise continues this week or not.

Gold	1886	1	2%
Silver	26.08	1	8%
Palladium	2343	1	1%

Industrial Metals

All positive here, with coking coal leading the way as China shuns Australian imports in favour of more expensive

alternatives. Colonial Coal's share price has been strong due to this, reaching a multi year high.

Iron Ore is still rising on supply concerns and lower stocks
in China, Interestingly China continues to import iron ore
from Australia!

Copper	3.55	1	1%
Nickel	7.87	1	3%
Zinc	1.28	1	1%
Iron Ore	157.7	1	9%
Manganese	3.08	\leftrightarrow	0%
Coking Coal	250	1	6%

Precious Metals ETF's

Unsurprisingly, the PM ETF's had a stonking week, with the Silver Juniors index (SILJ) advancing 9% in a week. The components of that index are in fact, in the main very large silver miners such as Pan American, Hecla Mining, first majestic, etc.

GDX	36.58	1	4%
GDXJ	54.42	1	6%
Sil	45.24	1	7%
SILJ	15.41	1	9%

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