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Calidus Resources – Pirra Lithium outcropping at surface

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The LME then reversed the day's nickel trades, to the consternation of some of the market participants. As a result, some hedge funds are leaving the market in protest.

In my opinion reversing the trades was a poor decision, as all traders are willing participants, so why do it? The rumour is Chinese trader Xiang Guangda, known as 'Big Shot', owner of Tsingshan, plans to continue to hold his 150,000t short position on the LME, **despite Tsingshan's losses which are in the region of \$8-12bn!**

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Colonial Coal, which has both good quality coking coal, *plus* thermal coal, is looking a stronger bid prospect by the day, with FOB prices of around CAD\$150 for their coking coal. This is a massive margin for what is traditionally a low margin high volume commodity.

Uranium rose strongly to US\$60 lb, as Russia supplies 16% of US uranium imports. Biden is under pressure to ***not*** sanction uranium imports. **UEC** (NYSE) has a large stockpile of physical uranium, as has the Sprott Physical Uranium Trust.

Rhodium and **cobalt** are also catching a bid as supply concerns grow.

Mining Review – General Mining news

Chile's new government took office, which should raise concerns for some mining investors with investment based there, as nationalisation is being talked about, as well as restricting water and seeking the permission of indigenous groups before mining will be permitted.

The government of Guinea has ordered that **Rio Tinto** stop all activities on their Simandou project. This is a high grade iron ore project. The government want a railway line to be built via an indirect route to a port in neighbouring Liberia, although the project lies close to Liberia, and a much shorter route is possible, and presumably a lot cheaper.

Stocks on out watchlist in the news this week

[Cabral Gold Drilled More Bonanza Grades at MG](#)

[Gold Road Issued an Updated Corporate Presentation](#)

[Newcore Gold Makes Two Greenfield Discoveries at Enchi, Ghana](#)

[Calidus Resources Lithium Prospect in East Pilbara](#)

[Zentek Ltd. – Suspension of Coverage due to press accusations](#)

[Metal Prices Soaring Driven by Supply Concerns](#)

[Calidus Resources News – Trading Halt](#)

Market Data (In US\$)

Precious metals

Gold	1988	+1%
Silver	25.85	0%
Palladium	2811	-7%
Platinum	1082	-4%
Rhodium	19000	-7%

Base Metals

Copper	4.6	-3%
Nickel***	21.88***	+68%***
Zinc	1.8	-1%
Tin	19.41	-8%

*** The actual nickel price is difficult to determine due to the closure of nickel trading on the LME, and very restricted trading on the Shanghai Metals Exchange.

Energy Metals

Cobalt	37.26	+9%
Manganese	3.56	+4%
Lithium	73949	0%
Uranium	60.4	+17%

Bulk commodities

Iron Ore	162.8	+9%
Coking Coal	472	+12%
Magnesium	7098	+1%

Metal ETF's

GDX	38.29	2%
GDXJ	47.64	2%

Sil	37.16	2%
SILJ	14.46	3%
GOEX	33.08	3%
GLD	185.09	1%
COPX	42.92	-4%

The Mining Review for the 13th March is complete.

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