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Neometals Primobius JV official opening

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Gold lost 2% week on week, and silver a whopping 3.16%. these are large numbers for a single week, especially as they come on the back of a large decline. Gold is just holding above

\$1,700, let's see if it can provide support or whether we will be through into the 1600's this week.

If gold falls any further I would expect to see announcements of some mines being put on care and maintenance soon.

The US dollar's rise linked to interest rate rises is causing the decline of course, and we have to remember that in other currencies the price of gold is not falling so much.

It's the same for base metals, and copper has fallen all the way back to the \$3 range, after such a strong run during the past year. It's also been badly effected by the Chinese covid lockdowns, as well as supply chain disruption, and the Ukraine conflict.

Mining stocks are unsurprisingly taking a beating along with other popular sectors of the market.

My major concern for a while has been opportunistic bids for good quality companies by stronger ones, taking advantage of an undervaluation situation. A good example of that was the purchase of Gold Standard Ventures by Orla Mining, and now we have had Alexco being taken out with a low ball bid from Hecla Mining.

Despite Alexco announcing the buyout price of 47c per share was a "premium" to the VWAP, it's a fraction of the price from the previous two weeks. I accept that Alexco had poorly executed (again), and once again silver had plunged just as they were restarting the mine, but this price looks like legalised theft to me.

I am concerned about Banyan Gold, where there is an obvious predator, Victoria Gold, sitting a few miles away, in production. My concern arises from the fact that the CEO's of the two companies are married to each other!

When I expressed this concern to CEO Tara at PDAC, she

responded that the NED's were there to ensure a good, fair price is offered. Her confidence in NED's is higher than mine, crusty old sceptic that I am.

As the shareholders of [GSV](#) and [Alexco](#) can attest, there is a danger that a good investment is sold for a song, and that just adds to the risk of holding stocks at this point.

Stocks on our watchlist making news this week

[Orla Mining added to tier 1 watchlist](#)

[American Creek Resources reported 237.3 m of 1.51 g/t AU EQ at Treaty Creek](#)

[Wesdome Gold Mines Announced Q2 2022 Production Results](#)

[Karora Resources Produced 30,652 oz Au in Q2](#)

[Neometals Confirmed a Mercedes Benz Purchase Order](#)

[Orla Mining Announced their Q2 2022 Operational Results](#)

[Cabral Gold Drilled 20.9m @ 4.2 g/t Au at Cuiú Cuiú](#)

Market Data (US\$)

Weekly price movements

Precious metals

Gold	1707	-2.07%
Silver	18.68	-3.16%

Palladium	1758	-16.80%
Platinum	848	-4.83%
Rhodium	13300	+3.50%

Base Metals

Copper	3.27	-7.89%
Nickel	9.22	-7.71%
Zinc	1.35	-5.59%
Tin	11.61	-0.09%

Energy metals

Cobalt	27.1	0.00%
Manganese	3.82	+6.11%
Lithium	67347	-0.84%
Uranium	47	-4.57%

Bulk commodities

Iron Ore	100.1	-9.90%
Coking Coal	240	-13.04%
Thermal coal	251	-36.78%
Magnesium	3818	-1.29%
Lumber	642	-2.58%

Metal ETF's

GDX	25.59	-5.43%
GDXJ	30.04	-3.75%
Sil	23.96	-3.62%
SILJ	8.73	-4.69%
GOEX (PCX)	20.87	-4.44%
GLD	159.01	-2.03%
COPX	26.91	-8.62%

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Miscellaneous

Au / Ag Ratio	90.84	+0.25%
10 yr Treasury bond (TNX)	2.93	-4.99%
US index (DXY)	107.99	+1.02%
HUI	203.56	-6.10%
RJI (Rogers Index)	8.05	-3.71%
RJA Agriculture	8.79	-5.38%
RJN Energy	4.17	-2.11%
RJZ Metals	9.6	-4.48%

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