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Lefroy Exploration drill crew, Western Australia

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Lithium is reaching new highs every week at the moment and one wonders how sustainable that, is? Still, if the demand is there, and there are currently no commercially proven substitutes to the Li-ion battery, lithium will remain in strong demand.

The UK has just announced a **gigafactory** will be built in Northumberland, assisting an area of high unemployment. This of course will increase the demand for lithium and other battery metals even further.

It's also maybe a sign of a beleaguered government looking for brownie points as they seem to be losing the 'red wall'? Or am I too cynical?

There has been a lot of newsflow from the mining companies since the start of the year, as news is released into the buying season after the end of year tax loss selling in Canada. Sadly many share prices are still falling, despite gold now around the US\$1835 mark, after being much lower recently.

I do wonder how much further the junior miners can fall given the recent increases in both precious and industrial metal prices? The whole sector seems forgotten and unloved, surely that has to change soon?

Stocks on our watchlist in the news

[**Eloro Resources** Restarts Drilling at Iska Iska](#)

[**Cartier Resources** reports 27.4 gpt Au over 8m](#)

[**Calidus Resources** – New Lithium Exploration JV](#)

[Lithium Power to Demerge Its Australian Assets](#)

[Westhaven Gold Initial Mineral Resource Estimate](#)

[Tinka Resources Increases Copper Gold Discovery](#)

[PDAC 2022 has been moved to June 2022](#)

Market Data

(All in US\$)

Precious metals

Gold	1835	1%
Silver	24.27	6%
Palladium	2040	8%
Platinum	1028	6%
Rhodium	15650	-5%

Industrial metals

Copper	4.5	0%
Nickel	10.84	8%
Zinc	1.67	3%
Tin	20.05	6%

Nickel rose on concerns about Indonesian supply.

Energy Metals

Cobalt	31.71	0%
Manganese	3.38	5%
Lithium	54014	10%
Uranium	46	1%

A huge jump for **lithium**, and another all time high, driven by Chinese demand.

Bulk Commodities

Iron Ore	135.4	4%
Coking Coal	432	5%
Magnesium	7257	-2%

Coking coal rose strongly following more shortages as some Australian mines were effected by wet weather, and some flooding in British Columbia after a severe weather event.

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