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Gold Road offered a straight cash bid of A\$0.56 rather than the cash and scrip offer by Ramelius. Cash is clearly more attractive in my view. Apollo are asking shareholders to wait before making a decision. One wonders if Ramelius can cancel their original bid, and make a fresh offer where the 90% acceptance is not a condition?

As a shareholder of both Apollo and Gold Road, I feel I am in a win win situation here. From my perspective I hope both bidders raise their offer prices, as I am eyeing a couple of fresh investments, and the cash would be useful.

I do wonder whether the loser might look at **Bardoc Gold**?

Looking at commodities, it has been a big week, and the undoubted highlight is the **London Metal Exchange (LME)** virtually running out of **copper**. Yes, they are down to 14,000 tonnes of the metal, and stocks have fallen 90% since August. To cool the situation the Chinese government have released some stocks for their markets.

Nickel reached a seven year high on supply concerns, due to falls in production from major suppliers in Canada, Russia,

the Philippines, and Indonesia.

Rio Tinto has warned that the world faces a growing **lithium** deficit, as demand for EV production increases in the next few years. EV's currently require 350,000t of lithium per year, but with a planned 55% of cars set to be EV's by 2030, the demand will rise to 3 million tonnes per annum, one sizeable leap.

Thermal and **coking coal** prices fell after the intervention of the Chinese government to control the price after the recent strong gains. The government have told miners to maximise output, and they are allowing some mines closed for safety inspections to reopen to fill the supply gap.

Stocks from our watchlist in the news this week

[GoldMining Inc. Announces US\\$20 Million Non-Dilutive Facility](#)

[Westhaven Gold drill 85.45 m Of 1.09 g/t Gold](#)

[Apollo Consolidated – Cash Offer From Gold Road](#)

[Silver Tiger Intersects 2,049 g/t Ag Eq Over 0.5m](#)

[Global Mining Finance Conference in London](#)

[Colonial Coal Share Price Soaring – New Research Report](#)

[Apollo Consolidated receive bid approach](#)

Due to a technical problem the market data will be added later.

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