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Orla Mining Cerro Quema project panoramic view

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This resulted in analysts speculating the start of FED tapering, which resulted in higher US treasury yields and speculation on rising interest rates, all bad for gold. The fickle market that had people predicting higher gold prices last week now has other commentators predicting lower prices next week.

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Turning to stocks that we follow, the biggest news of the week was the announcement by Bardoc Gold that they are going to high grade some production in the early years of their mine, ensuring a quicker payback, and possibly earlier dividends.

Apollo Consolidated reported high grade intercepts during their drilling campaign at Lake Rebecca, near Kalgoorlie, WA. 03 Mining and Canuc Resources also reported good results from their ongoing drill programs.

Mining Review – Companies on our

watchlist in the news

Orla Mining – Delivered a robust PFS for Cerro Quema in Panama

Bardoc Gold – A strategy review will result in growing the resource and advance production at the Bardoc Gold Project.

Canuc Resources – Encountered magnetite and gold at San Javier, Mexico

Fosterville South – Ready to drill at Reedy Creek, Victoria, Australia

American Creek – JV partner Tudor Gold reported high grade gold at Goldstorm, treaty Creek.

03 Mining – Reported the results from 16 holes drilled on their Alpha property in Quebec.

Mining Review Market Data

Precious Metals

Gold	1764	-2%
Silver	24.37	-4%
Palladium	2562	-1%
Platinum	976	-6%
Rhodium	18150	+2%

Gold declined on Friday after the unexpectedly good US employment figures had market analysts predicting the end of tapering earlier than anticipated. All other PM's performed poorly except rhodium, which had a 2% bounce after the recent 30% fall in price.

Base Metals

Copper	4.32	-2%
Nickel	8.75	-2%
Zinc	1.35	-1%
Tin	16.32	+1%

Tin continues it’s upward rise, whereas the other base metals were lower on reduced Chinese GDP figures, and an anticipation of reduced demand.

Energy metals

Cobalt	23.76	0%
Manganese	3.09	2%
Lithium	13150	0%
Uranium	32.25	0%

The energy metals remain moribund with only lithium and manganese rising slightly.

Bulk commodities

Iron Ore	166	-14%
Coking Coal	197	-6%

This is where the action was this week, with iron ore dropping a whopping 14% in a week! The Chinese government have been trying to force down the price of some metals, and by limiting steel production to a quota they are succeeding in bringing down the iron ore price by huge chunks.

Coking coal fell back on reduced steel production and some Chinese coal mines coming back online after government mandated safety checks.

Metal ETF's

GDX	33.24	-4%
GDXJ	43.6	-10%
Sil	40.53	-4%
SILJ	13.75	-11%
GLD	164.44	-3%

The Mining Review for Sunday 8th August is complete.

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