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Chris Sangster of Ariana Resources addresses a packed house at the recent Global Mining Finance Conference, amidst the splendour of the Armourers' Hall, London.

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It is said the best time to buy a gold stock is the 1st August, and if prices continue to fall as they are doing, that may well turn out to be prophetic this year, as there has to be a bottom soon, surely?

I have topped up a few holdings recently allowing me to reduce my average price as well as add some to stocks that I thought had run away from me.

Karora Resources (KRR.to) has halved in very short order, for example, which looks well overdone, even allowing for the disappointing production results just published.

Turning to mining in general, Chile flexed its muscles regarding the EIA for **RI02 (RIO.V)**, with them being told their document is deficient, which *MAY* mean they have to revisit some sections which could cause up to a year's delay in construction.

The recommendation now has to be voted upon by a committee of 12 mining bodies, with a straight majority vote prevailing. Even if RIO lose, there is an appeal process.

I expect intense lobbying from RIO will ultimately prevail, but they will lose precious time and focus resolving this. If they do lose, they will have to redo the EIA, and that may take up to a year.

Needless to say the stock bombed on this news, and is now trading at a 50% loss on the week.

PDAC 2022

It has been confirmed that 17,000 attended PDAC 2022, held in June for the first time. This is around 25% down on the normal numbers, and I can remember 30,000 attending in the past.

Given the move to June, the introduction of the C\$25 per day charge, and no Sunday first day, (which is popular with local investors), I guess you could say the numbers weren't too bad.

I certainly enjoyed it despite numbers obviously being lower in the hall, with the aisles mostly clear and easy to

navigate, and easy to find a table to sit at in the food hall.

Companies on our watchlist in the news this week

[Osisko Development Drilled 19.81 g/t Au over 9.80 m at Cariboo](#)

[Lithium Power Intl. Consolidated Ownership of Maricunga](#)

[Minera Alamos Agreed the Cerro De Oro Surface Rights](#)

[GoldMining Inc. Optioned the Almaden Project to NevGold](#)

[Uranium Energy Corp. Acquired UEX Corporation](#)

[Gold Road Resources Exceeded the DGO Takeover 80% Minimum](#)

Market Data (US\$)

Weekly changes

Precious metals

Gold	1827	-0.60%
Silver	21.14	-2.17%
Palladium	1802	-0.77%

Platinum	908	-2.78%
Rhodium	13000	0.00%

Base Metals

Copper	3.89	-5.81%
Nickel	10.94	-5.12%
Zinc	1.67	+1%
Tin	12.18	-17.26%

Energy Metals

Cobalt	32.52	-0.09%
Manganese	3.88	+11.17%
Lithium	68332	+0.16%
Uranium	48	-1.94%

Bulk commodities

Iron Ore	117	-7.95%
Coking Coal	385	0.00%
** Thermal coal	395	+14.16%
Magnesium	3998	+0.45%
Lumber	608	-0.82%

** This is the first time I can remember thermal coal being

more valuable than coking coal!

Both prices used are Australian FOB, so should be consistent.

Metal ETF's

GDX	29.66	-2.27%
GDXJ	35.58	-3.26%
Sil	28.17	-1.47%
SILJ	10.35	-1.99%
GOEX (PCX)	24.78	-3.05%
GLD	170.09	-0.70%
COPX	32.16	-6.86%

Miscellaneous

Au / Ag Ratio	86.41	2.67%
10 yr Tbond (TNX)	3.136	-3.21%
US index (DXY)	104.12	-0.50%
HUI	238.02	-1.46%