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Calibre Mining — El Limon Mine, Nicaragua

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record price for gold, which is equal to over US\$3,300, so we still have a way to go to reach that high point.

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The gold silver ratio fell over 8% during the week.

Base metals are also strongly up with a "copper squeeze" taking place at the NY Comex, forcing traders to desperately look for scarce physical supply for delivery, forcing the price higher.

The disconnect or "gap" between the London LME copper price and the Comex price was over \$1,000 earlier this week, and is still around half that, which is without precedent.

The price of manganese is soaring, up around 25% last week, after a rail incident in Gabon temporally prevented exports from their port, and a cyclone incident in Australia preventing exports at the same time.

Cornish Metals' share price was pummelled, forcing a "we know of no reason" RNS from the company which hardly helped in the UK, but did in Canada after the UK closed, trading over 28 million shares, or around C\$2.8 million in a single trading day! Normal daily volumes are a fraction of that.

I strongly suspect that there is some bad news lurking somewhere, or the company are trying to raise funds, and the book building has not gone well.

Having announced they know of no reason, management cannot now release bad news straight away of course, but there is clearly a reason why the stock has sold off so dramatically in recent days. I suspect the market will remain spooked until the reason for the fall becomes apparent.

I still wonder about the reason for the sudden resignation of CEO Richard Williams in March?

Looking at the news generated from our watchlist this week, it was mainly Q1 reporting, but the main story was that **West Red Lake Gold Mines** had to clarify they have *resources* and not *reserves* at Madsen, a very embarrassing thing to have to admit.

The price, recently over C\$1, is now back in the mid 60 cent range, and you wonder how much confidence has been lost in management? I still haven't bought despite intending to, as I don't like chasing a share price, and I'm relieved I didn't now!

This was on the back of the <u>Red Pine</u> scandal where the former CEO has been accused of "manipulating drill results before updating the company database", see <u>HERE</u>.

This is similar to Bre-X, and I'm shocked this can still occur after all the checks that were supposed to be in place post that scandal. Surely the geologists should also have received the results and scrutinised them at the same time as the CEO?

I'm surprised this has not attracted more media attention, I guess the exchange doesn't want this destrying confidence in the market and 43-101 process.

All news from our watchlist companies is below, click on the links to read the full story.

Aris Mining Reported Q1 2024 Results, \$13.8 M Cash Flow

<u>Cornish Metals' Response To Share Price Movement</u>

Calibre Mining Reported Strong Progress At Valentine

I-80 Gold Reported Q1 2024 Operating Results

Karora Reported Record Revenue and Strong Cashflow in Q1

<u>West Red Lake Gold Clarified Madsen Has Resources, not Reserves</u>

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Market Data

(US\$ unless stated)

Weekly price changes

Metal Prices	Price	Weekly 5
		change
Gold price in UK £	1902	0.79%
Gold	2415	2.33%
Silver	31.46	11.56%
Palladium	1013	1.81%
Platinum	1092	10.30%
Rhodium	4700	-0.53%
Copper	4.68	-0.85%
Nickel	8.77	4.40%
Zinc	1.33	2.31%
Tin	15.25	3.18%
Cobalt	12.45	3.75%
Manganese	5.38	22.27%

Lithium	14322	-3.76%
Uranium	90.7	-2.84%
Iron Ore	116.4	-0.51%
Coking Coal	326	0.00%
Thermal coal	141	-1.40%
Metal ETFs		
GLD	223.6	2.24%
GDX	36.87	4.60%
GDXJ	46.35	6.70%
Sil	35.23	6.82%
SILJ	12.74	7.33%
GOEX (PCX)	30.46	6.73%
URA	32.65	4.58%
COPX	51.67	7.69%
HUI	286.85	4.93%
Gold / Silver ratio	76.76	-8.27%

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