



Gold



Lead



Copper



Platinum



Nickel



Iron



Aluminium



Zinc



Silver

## EMERGING RESOURCE COMPANIES UK SHOWCASE – 4 MONTH UPDATE

On Wednesday 25 June 2003, RFC and Numis Securities Limited jointly presented the Emerging Resource Companies UK Showcase at the London Stock Exchange.

The successful one day conference attracted industry analysts and some 39 investor groups. RFC believes the popularity of the event clearly demonstrates the resurgence of interest from London based investment houses in quality resource companies.

The conference included presentations from three more advanced resource companies – Aquarius Platinum Ltd, First Quantum Minerals Ltd and LionOre Mining International Ltd – and seven emerging Australian resource companies:-

- Anvil Mining NL – junior copper/silver producer in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Ballarat Goldfields NL – exploring and seeking to develop the historical Ballarat goldfield in Victoria, Australia.
- Bolnisi Gold NL – gold producer in Georgia with an Australian copper development project. Has today announced the sale of its Ocampo Mexican gold/silver asset.
- Consolidated Minerals Ltd – AIM & ASX listed producer of manganese and chromite in WA.
- Red 5 Ltd – exploring at the Siana gold and copper/gold project in the Philippines.
- Sally Malay Mining NL – currently developing the Sally Malay nickel project in WA.
- Western Areas NL – nickel explorer conducting a BFS over the Forrestania nickel project in WA.

In the four months since the conference the shares of all participant companies have performed exceptionally well. In particular, the emerging Australian mining participants at the conference have experienced substantial share price appreciation, as shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1 – Emerging Participant Performance**

Cents (A\$ terms)	Anvil	Ballarat	Bolnisi	ConsMins	Red 5	Sally Malay	Western Areas
Conference share price	13.0	4.7	18.0	59.0	5.8	28.0	46.0
Latest share price <sup>1</sup>	36.0	12.5	29.0	97.0	11.5	70.0	142.0
Price change in A\$ terms	177%	166%	61%	64%	98%	150%	209%

<sup>1</sup> Based on Sydney closing prices 31 October 2003

Source: Bloomberg and RFC

Similarly, the three more advanced mining companies present at the conference have also risen significantly, as shown in Table 2.

**Table 2 – Advanced Participant Performance**

	<b>Aquarius (A\$)</b>	<b>First Quantum (C\$)</b>	<b>LionOre (C\$)</b>	<b>FTSE350 Mining Index</b>
Conference price	6.73	5.36	5.68	5255
Latest price <sup>1</sup>	7.85	10.20	7.80	6915
Price change in GBP terms	11%	75%	26%	32%

<sup>1</sup> Based on Sydney and Toronto closing prices 31 October 2003

source: Bloomberg and RFC

The share price appreciation seen by participants at the Emerging Resource Companies UK Showcase has also been achieved by many other junior and mid tier miners over the last few months.

However, over the last two weeks a number of junior and mid tier mining stocks are off their recent highs.

This development may signal the commencement of a consolidation phase in the mining bull market as initial euphoria from the mid year recovery wears off.

Quality stock selection will now play an increasingly important role for emerging resource company investors.

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