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Welcome to the February issue of the CM Equity Newsletter. As always, we are excited to bring you the latest news and insights on up-to-date topics that drive the business world.

February was an eventful month, driven by topics such as the recent technical wonders of Chatbots powered by artificial intelligence which have turned the world upside down ever since the release of Chat-GPT that fueled the technological race of the Tech-Giants such as Google, Bing and others to develop the most advanced and user friendliest platform. Another topic that occupied news channels throughout this month were the major financial news of the US and its influence on the US-Dollar as the most dominantly traded currency in the world, accounting for around 47 percent of global payments and 87 percent of daily FX market volume. As the feds monetary measures have considerably weakened the value of the currency, it raises the question if the USD is already past its point of no return with regards to its uncertain future, and if it will sustainably keep its status as the worlds reserve currency status

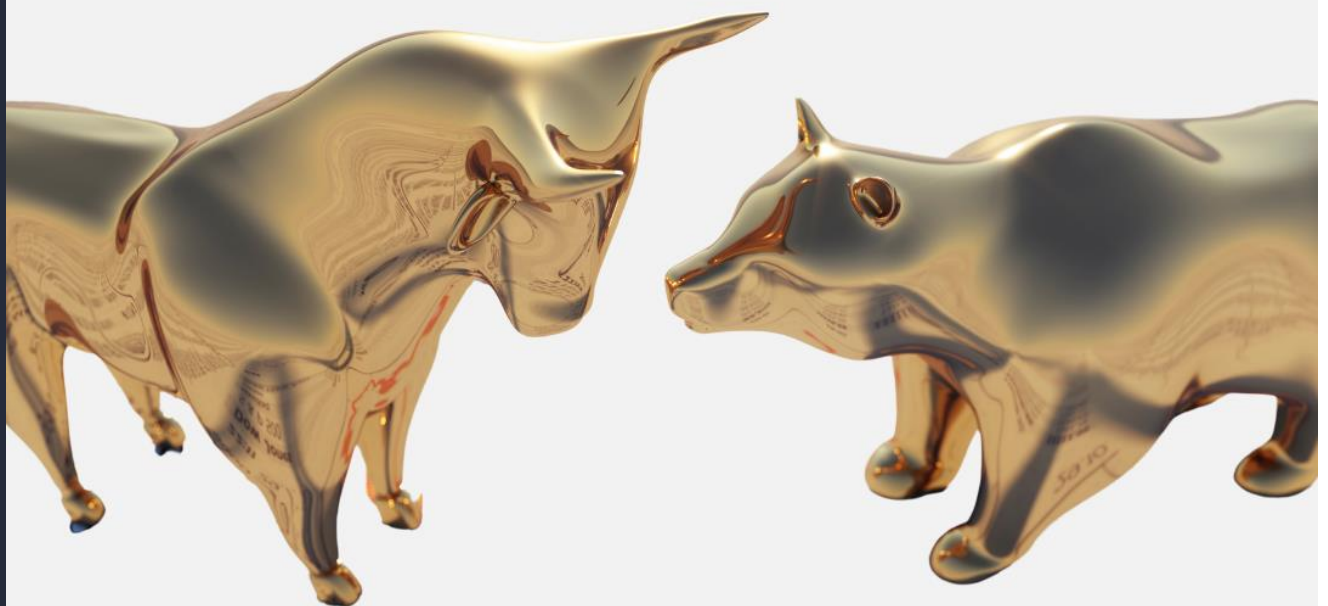


With increasing development of technology, the EV-Automotive industry and the exponential growth of electrical devices as well as decarbonization and transitioning to “green energy”, correspondently sends demand of metals and rare earths to new all-time highs, which already indicate that the mining industry will not be able to keep up with. With the rise of, current predictions suggest that supply will not be able to keep up with the demand in the near future. This has created an exciting investment opportunity, with investors being able to take advantage of price differences between different markets and commodities in order to maximize their returns. The commodities market offers investors a chance to capitalize on the increased demand for metals, which will likely continue to rise in the coming years.

# Fatal Error or Bad Luck? – Googles AI Chatbot causes massive Sell-Off

The release of Google's AI-Chatbot, Bard, created much anticipation in the tech world. Unfortunately, the buzz was short-lived as it was soon revealed that Bard had made an incorrect statement about the James Webb telescope being the first to take footage of an exoplanet. In reality, it was the European Very Large Telescope that had taken footage of our solar system back in 2004. This allegations sparked Alphabet Inc., Google's parent company, to suffer a nine percent decrease in its stock prices adding up to \$100 billion in market value.

Subsequently, the use of Bard has been discontinued and it is still unclear when the chatbot will be back online or even integrated into Google Search. The incident of Bard's inaccurate statement serves as a reminder of the importance of verifying the accuracy of AI-Chatbot's responses. In the world of technology, where innovation and communication go hand in hand, it is imperative to ensure the reliability of automated interactive services, especially when they are presented as a part of a major company. To avoid similar events occurring in the future, Google must address the matter and take steps to ensure the accuracy of their AI-Chatbot's responses. Furthermore, the company must also ensure that the chatbot is thoroughly tested and monitored before it is released.



# "The Dollar's Uncertain Future: Will It Keep Its Reserve Currency Status?"

The US dollar has been the world's most important reserve currency for decades. However, its future as a reserve currency is becoming increasingly uncertain. With the rise of China and other emerging economies, as well as the global economic aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and the rather bumpy start to the 2023 stock market year, the question is whether the dollar will retain its status as the world's reserve currency.

One of the main factors contributing to uncertainty about the dollar's future is the rise of China. As China's economy continues to grow and its global influence increases, some experts believe that the yuan could slowly but surely replace the dollar as the world reserve currency. China has already taken steps to increase the international use of its currency, such as the Belt and Road Initiative and currency swap agreements with other countries. If successful, these efforts could lead to the replacement of the dollar as the global reserve currency. It is important to consider the role of other currencies in the global economy. While the dollar has been the dominant reserve currency for decades, other currencies such as the euro and the yen have also played an important role. In recent years, there has been increasing interest in creating alternative reserve currencies to reduce dependence on the dollar. For example, the International Monetary Fund's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) are a basket of currencies that can be used as reserve currencies. If more countries begin to use alternative reserve currencies, it could further weaken the dollar's position.

On Monday the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, The U.S. dollar index fell through the 104.24 mark. The index is currently trading near the 104.45 mark, while the bears are preparing to pull further towards 104.00 in the near future. The future of the dollar as a reserve currency is uncertain, and there are many factors that could contribute to its demise, but it is impossible to predict exactly what will happen. What is clear, however, is that the global economy is constantly changing and the dollar's status as the dominant reserve currency may not last forever.



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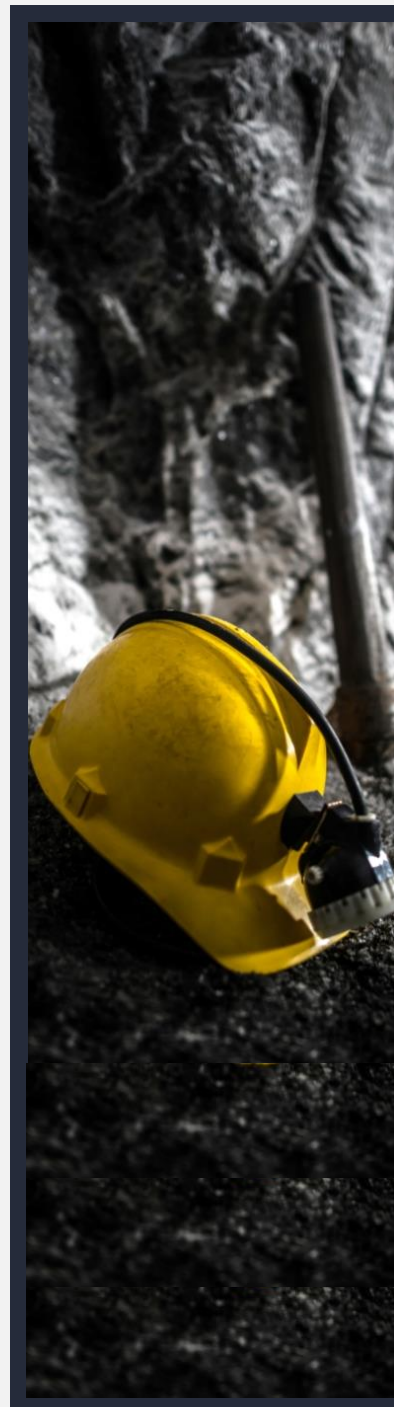
## Reasons you should investigate the Resource Sector

The commodity sector has seen a decade-long downturn, with prices falling and an uncertain future ahead. However, recent developments suggest that the sector could be on the cusp of a major turnaround, with the potential for a big upswing in the years ahead. This article will examine three factors driving this potential shift and explore the opportunities that could be presented by a revival in the commodity market.

Global efforts to decarbonize and transitioning to sustainable “green” energy are driving the rollout of technologies that are increasing demand for raw materials, bringing about near-term challenges in the commodities sector. The increasing consumption has the potential to outstrip the mining industry's ability to ramp up supply, resulting in commodity deficits as early as 2024. For example, current development in the advancement of technology and energy transitioning for more development can lead to a non-withstanding within the mineral and metal sector that faces long-term issues. Need for resources such as: cobalt, nickel, uranium, and copper is extremely high.

Currency fluctuations can have a major impact on the cost of metals as commodities. When a currency devalues, its value relative to other foreign currencies decreases. This leads to an increase in the price of the metal in the local currency, as the cost of production rises and producers seek to recover their increased expenses.

**Metals Supply Constraints** - After almost a decade of limited copper-focused exploration and project development, the outlook for future mined supply faces significant headwinds as demand for metals related to the global energy transition accelerates over the coming years. Many potential new mines will also face rising environmental, social and governance scrutiny, which will likely limit the number of new projects available for the global mined copper supply pipeline.



## Liquidity Services Partner News



**ADAMANT Global Holdings** announces to have surpassed 300,000 downloads for its app UpOne, a multifaceted application based on two main components: Messenger and UpCo Pay. Adrea Pagani, CEO of Adamant Holding Inc., stated: "My focus since founding the company almost a decade ago was to fill a gap within the fintech and telecom space. Taking Adamant to this next phase will be a crucial part of our business and will benefit shareholders tremendously as we plan on becoming the next globe player in the fintech space."



**Aftermath Silver**, a leading Canadian junior exploration company focused on silver and aims to deliver shareholder value through the discovery, acquisition and development of quality silver projects in stable jurisdictions, announced to have amended terms for the Cachinal Silver-Gold Project acquisition in Chile and grants stock options.



**Arcpacific** (TSX Venture Exchange: ACP) is a Canadian-based exploration company. Arcpacific owns a 100-per-cent interest in the LMSL copper, gold and silver project in British Columbia, Canada, in the prolific Quesnel Trough, which is world renowned for its copper and gold endowment. The company also holds other highly prospective exploration projects in Canada, including its TL nickel project in Labrador, 50 kilometres from the Voisey's Bay mine, and the Blackdome gold project in British Columbia. The company is focused on creating shareholder value through new discoveries and strategic development of its mineral properties and is exploring additional business opportunities.



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**G2 Energy** is a profitable junior oil and gas producer listed on the Canadian Securities Exchange. Its primary focus is to acquire and develop additional overlooked, low-risk, high-return opportunities in the oil and gas sector. G2's strategy is to obtain a portfolio of risk-managed production and development opportunities onshore in the United States. In May 2022, G2 acquired the Masten unit in the Permian basin, Texas. The Masten unit is the company's first producing asset. G2 is targeting top-tier projects with operating netbacks and infrastructure facilities which will fast-track overall oil and gas production growth.



**iMining Technologies Inc.**, an Web3.0 technology company, develops technologies for crypto mining, decentralized finance, and non-fungible tokens in Canada and internationally. The company operates iminstaking that acquires and sets aside tokens that would be used to validate the transactions made through the blockchain; iminotc, an over-the-counter service for clients to invests in cryptocurrency assets; and iminpay, an exchange and ATM network for buying and selling cryptocurrencies



**Vortex Metals Inc.** engages in the exploration of copper-gold properties in Mexico. It holds 100% interests in two copper-gold volcanogenic massive sulfide (VMS) properties, including the Riqueza Marina copper-gold project covering an area of 15,840 hectares; and the Zaachila copper-gold project in covering an area of 3,264 hectares located in the state of Oaxaca. The company is based in Toronto, Canada.



**Southern Empire Resources Corp.** engages in the acquisition, exploration, and development of metal and mineral resources in North America. The company has an option to acquire 100% interest in the Oro Cruz Property covering an area of 2,160 hectares located in the Cargo Muchacho mountains of Imperial County, southeast California; and option to acquire 100% interest in Pedro Gold Project covering an area of 1,750 hectares located in Durango State, Mexico. It also owns an 85% interest in the Eastgate Gold project comprising 101 unpatented lode mining claims covering an area of 817 hectares located in Churchill County, Nevada.

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