

HD MARKET CLOSES WEAKER ON HEAVY VOLUME

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The S&P/ASX200 closed down 19.2 points to 5445.1 on giant volume worth \$6.8 **billion** or still high volume worth \$4.5 **billion** after subtracting \$2.3 **billion** for assignments. There were 532 issues higher and 547 down. The SPI Futures closed down 10 points to 5416 on heavy volume of 23,885 contracts. Aussie 10 year bond yields were down 7 points to 3.52%. The \$A is at 94.36US c, up about 20 points from last evening.

*The banks have contributed 12.6 negative points to the index, insurers were Neutral, resources contributed 0.5 positive points, **property** trusts were Neutral, retailers contributed 2 negative points and Telstra contributed 1.4 positive points.

Over the week the S&P/ASX200 rose 25.6 points or 0.5% to 5445.1.

*At 4pm AEST the NikkeiDow futures is down 270 points to 15,050 points, Shanghai CSI physical was up 1.12 points to 2039.79, Hang Seng futures was down 10 points to 23,182 points. S&P futures was down 3.8 points to 1944.90, Nasdaq futures is down 5.5 points to 3812, Dow futures is down 28 points to 16,734 points.

Spot **gold** is up \$3 to \$1320. Crude futures is down 5c to \$105.79.

*Japan eco numbers mostly positive - unemployment rate at 16 year low

Japan's retail trade fell 0.4% in May above forecasts - household spending fell 8% year to May, four times the fall expected and more than the 4.6% decline in April.

*The core CPI rose 3.4% in May from a year ago.

* Japan's unemployment rate hit a 16-year low in May, falling to 3.5% the lowest since 1997. The availability of jobs rose to its highest level since 1992.

The jobless rate in the world's third-largest economy fell to 3.5 percent, the lowest since 1997 and a level the Bank of Japan says is near full employment.

Technical trading and strong overseas participation in our market both in the SPI Futures and physical market has characterised the last few days trading with the market buffeted almost alternate days one way or the other.

Yesterday the banks contributed 24.6 positive points to the index with the market closing up 62 points. Today the banks contributed 12.6 points to the downside, the biggest influence on direction.

"I'll call it down half a dozen"

"Bernborough" said, "I can't see the market being up again today. People are pretty happy to keep the market around where it is. I'll call it down half a dozen, but I am not confident. I can't work out why the market is so volatile and why there has been heavy volume on the SPI Futures as well".

Bernborough added there is only one more day of trading for this year, after which a bit more reality should return.

The S&P/ASX200 closed up 62.3 points to 5464.3 last evening.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Jun 30: Aussie cr, HIA New hom sales. Ex div: CAM ex 1.2c. **China** HSBC/Mkt Mfr PMI. US Chi PMI, Pending home sales. Euro Core CPI.

Jul 1: Aussie **M**/fr PMI. RBA rates. **China** Official PMI. Japan tankan. US Constr spend, ISM Ind, **M**/v sales. Euro, UK MFG PMI.

Jul 2: Aussie eng activty, trade bal. Ex div: CKF ex 6c; GNC ex 15c, PRG ex 11c. US MBA Mort Ind, ADP employment, Fctory Orders, Crude Inv.

Jul 3: Aussie **residential** approval, retail services, Services PSI. US non farm payrolls, unemployment rate, hourly earnings, avg workweek, week's jobless, trade bal, ISM Serv. Euro ECB decision.

Jul 4: Aussie RBA speech. US Independence Day holiday.

The Market Callers

Over the half year (aphabetically), Ben made 24 calls, "Bernborough" made 34, Daniel made 29, "Maree" made 32 and Gerald made 3 for a total of 122 calls during the six months (vs 106 calls last year). Over the last six months, in a capricious market there have been 18 perfect calls vs 28 for the previous June half.

There were 25 "wrong way" calls over this June half vs 26 wrong way calls for the previous corresponding period. Altogether for 80% of the time, we have been steered in the right direction, grateful thanks to the team.

(Interesting to note that in the December 2012 half, with the market in a much more predictable direction, eg "down" there were 62 perfect calls and 21 thereabouts and negligible "wrong way" calls).

For the second time in the last six years (12 half years) we have a draw - Ben Faulkner and "Bernborough" are equal firsts.

(The previous draw was also between "Bernborough", and Daniel who at that time was "Galileo").

TOP STOCKS

*Tatts closed up 9c to \$3.21 on 7.9m shares on the report below.

*TABCorp closed down 20c to \$3.40 on 6.5m shares on the report below.

Among the financials, AMP closed down 2c to \$5.36 on 9m shares including 4.9m shares assigned, ANZ closed down 39c to \$33.60 on 10.58m shares including 6.8m shares assigned, CBA closed down 59c to \$81.47 on 10.4m shares including 6.7m shares assigned, NAB closed down 21c to \$33.03 on 13.7m shares including 10.1m shares assigned. Westpac closed down 26c to \$34.17 on 9.8m shares including 6.6m shares assigned.

Among the TMT's Telstra closed up 3c to \$5.26 on 39m shares including 17.9m shares assigned, Telecom NZ rose 1c to \$2.54 on 628,408 shares, SingTel closed up 1c to \$3.31 on 262,569 shares.

Among the resources BHP closed down 8c to \$36.42 on 10.46m shares, RIO closed up 16c to \$60.06 on 7.48m shares including 5.8m shares assigned. Fortescue closed up 8c to \$4.55 on 36.7m shares including 12.1m shares assigned.

Among the oils, Woodside closed down 29c to \$41.30 on 6.4m shares including 3.6m shares assigned. Santos closed up 34c to \$14.35 on 6.65m shares, **Oil** Search closed up 2c to \$9.75 on 6.9m shares including 4.7m shares assigned.

Among the golds, Newcrest closed up 2c to \$10.71 on 6.7m shares including 4.8m shares assigned, Northern Star closed up 1.5c to \$1.28.5 on 2.1m shares, also report below. Tribune closed up 19c to \$3.49 on 20,252 shares. Regis rose 4c to \$1.64 on 2.1m shares.

AMONG THE TOP 20 OVER THE WEEK

Fortescue was the winner, up 33c or 7.8% to \$4.55 followed by RIO, up 155c or 2.6% to \$60./06 and Brambles, up 18c or 2% to \$9.21.

On the downside, ANZ fell furthest, down 38c or 1.1% to \$33.60 followed by QBE, down 8c or 0.7% to \$11.03 and NAB, down 10c or 0.3% to \$33.03.

AT THE SMALLER END

*Monash IVF, yesterday's listing, shed 11c to /\$1.79.5 on 16.2m shares.

*MokoMobi fell 6.5c to 20c on 26.6m shares, also report below.

*Westside was up 1.5c to 40c on 19.69m shares on the report below.

NEW LISTING

Asaleo Care Ltd (AHY) closed at \$1.65 on 77m shares after an issue price of \$1.66.5 on 53.12m shares following an issue of 210.26 **million** shares and the **sale** of 196.4 **million** shares at \$1.65 per share.

Asaleo, the maker of well known and widely used toilet and tissue paper and personal hygiene items, has been floated by joint owners Svenska Cellulosa SCA and Private **Equity** Partners.

Chairman Harry Boon said in the covering letter to the prospectus consumer products are **sold** under well known brands such as Libra, TENA, Treasures, Sorbent, Purex, Handee, Deeko and tork, some of which have been **sold** in the market for more than 60 years.

Over the past two years management together with the **company's** approximately 1,050 full time equivalent employees has implemented a **business** transformation that has resulted in a significant improvement in earnings. From full year 2011 to full year 2013 pro forma EBITDA improved from 486 million to \$125 **million** and in full year 2014 the **company** is expected to generate \$140 million in pro forma EBITDA.

Regular product innovation allows Asaleo Care to differentiate its products from those of its competitors. Recent examples include tampons with anti-fluff bases and fast absorption incontinence pants. Of the three pre-float shareholders, Svenska Cellulosa (SCA), PEP and Management, PEP intends to sell down its entire **stake** as part of the offer. Management shareholders will **acquire** shares in connection with the IPO.

Directors:

HARRY BOON, INDEPENDENT NON-EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

Harry Boon has over 38 years of industry experience. He is also currently chairman of ASX listed Tatts **Group** and a nonexecutive director of Toll Holdings.

Previously, Harry was Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of ASX listed Ansell Limited. He was also Chairman of PaperlinX and Gale Pacific Ltd, and was a director of Funtastic Ltd. Among his previous roles, Harry was also a non-executive director of Hastie **Group** Limited, which shortly after he left office, was placed into voluntary administration by its directors.

Harry holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and a Bachelor of Commerce from

The University of Melbourne.

Peter Diplaris, President/CEO

Peter Diplaris joined the **Company** as Chief Executive Officer in May 2011 and has over 25 years of industry experience. Previously, Peter was the **Group** General Manager of Nippon Paper **Group's** Australian office division (2004-2011) and held a number of senior sales roles within National Foods (1996-2004) including the role of General Manager of Sales for Australia and New Zealand. He has also held marketing and sales management roles with AC Nielsen, Nestlé **Dairy** and Yellow Pages **Group** (1987-1996). Peter holds a Bachelor of **Business** and Bachelor of Arts from Monash

University.

Mats Berencreutz, Non-Executive Director (representative of SCA)

Mats Berencreutz has over 30 years of industry experience. Mats also currently serves as Executive Vice President of SCA. He is also the Chairman of the **board** for SCA Hygiene Products AB and a former member of the **board** of Uni-Charm Mölnlycke BV. Mats joined SCA in 1981 as a machine designer, and has worked in various positions including Head of R&D Baby, Feminine and Incontinence Care; Technology and Quality Director (based in USA); President Incontinence Care North America; Chief

Technology Officer Personal Care Europe; and President Tissue Europe. Mats holds a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Luleå University of Technology.

He was appointed to the **Board** of Asaleo Care on 30 May 2014.

Nils Lindholm, Non-Executive Director (representative of SCA)

Nils Lindholm has over 20 years of industry experience. Nils also currently serves as the Head of Global **Business** Services for SCA. He is also a director of SCA UK Holdings Limited, SCA GmbH, SCA Hygiene Products Nederland BV and SCA Tissue Finland Oy. Previously, Nils was financial manager for AGA in Sweden, Chile and France and CFO for Billerud and SCA's hygiene **business**, located in Sweden and Germany. He is also a former director of Productos Familia SA, Colombia and SCA Hygiene Products SE, Germany and a former **board** member of The Institute of Internal Auditors, Sweden. Nils holds a Bachelor of Science, majoring in **Business** Administration from The Stockholm School of Economics.

Sue Morphet, Independent Non- Executive Director

Sue Morphet has over 28 years of industry experience. Sue also currently serves as non-executive director for Fisher & Paykel Appliances and Chairman of Manufacturing Australia. Previously, Sue was an executive director and Chief Executive Officer of ASX listed Pacific Brands and held a number of senior roles with Pacific Brands, including **Group** General Manager of Underwear and **Group** General Manager of **Bonds**. She also held roles in manufacturing and sales and marketing with Pacific Dunlop and Sheridan Australia. Sue holds a Bachelor of Science and Education from The University of Melbourne.

JoAnne Stephenson, Independent Non- Executive Director

JoAnne Stephenson is a Non-Executive Director and has over 25 years of industry experience. JoAnne also currently serves as non-executive director for ASX listed Challenger Financial. She is also Chairman of the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra and a non-executive director of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute.

Previously, JoAnne was a non-executive director of Yarra Valley Water and YWCA Australia and a member of the Victorian Government TAFE Reform Expert Panel and worked at KPMG International as Senior Client Partner in the Advisory division.

JoAnne holds a Bachelor of Commerce and Bachelor of Laws (Honours) from The University of Queensland. She is also a member of both the Australian Institute of **Company** Directors and The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

She was appointed to the **Board** of Asaleo Care on 30 May 2014.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Canaccord Genuity (Australia) Ltd chairman Warwick Grigor's "Weekly Charts & Commentary" posted separately.

Ex div: MTS ex 9c.

*No Week's Special as such - tally of 2014 Weekly Specials and our take on the sharemarket and the world posted separately.

LARGE CAP INDUSTRIALS

*APN/FXJ: Proposed printing agreement in North **Island**, NZ

Fairfax Media Ltd and APN News & Media Ltd announced a proposed printing agreement in the upper North **Island** of New Zealand. Under the arrangement APN would provide printing services to Fairfax in New Zealand for several newspapers at its Ellerslie facility in Auckland's south. This includes printing Fairfax's Waikato Times, Sunday Star-Times, Sunday News and other community titles. Work currently performed at Fairfax's Auckland and Hamilton print sites would transition into the state of the art Ellerslie facility within three months, starting from August 2014.

Market Cap \$808m . / \$2.18b.

APN down 1.5 to 78.5 cents / FXJ steady at 92.5 cents

*TAH: Judgement goes against TAH/no add'l financial options/reviews options

TABCorp Holdings Ltd advised with regard to proceedings whereby it was seeking a payment of approximately \$686 million from the State of Victoria, claimed against the expiry of Tabcorp's Gaming and Wagering Licences in August 2012 when new licences were granted, the Supreme Court has accepted the State's argument that amendments to the legislation made by the State in 2008 and 2009 implicitly repealed the statutory provision which gave rise to the payment entitlement. Tabcorp has 14 days in which to lodge an appeal.

There is no additional impact on Tabcorp's financial accounts from the judgement. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$ 2.6b.

TAH down 20 cents to \$3.40

*TTS:Supreme Court finds in favor of Tatts, State liable to pay \$451.15 mln +

Tatts Group Ltd advised the Supreme Court of Victoria has found in favor of Tatts in the proceedings commenced by it against the State of Victoria for compensation on the expiry of its gaming operator's licence on August 15 2012.

The Court has found the State is liable to pay Tatts \$451.157 million. Orders regarding interest and costs will be made tomorrow. Tatts considers that the amount of interest as at June 26 is approximately \$89.1 million. The total amount received by Tatts will be subject to applicable tax. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$4.6b. TTS up 9 cents to \$3.21

LARGE CAP RESOURCES

*AAI: Buys jet engine components company Firth Rixson for \$US2.35bln

Alcoa Inc announced a \$US2.85 billion acquisition, \$US2.35 billion in cash and \$US500 million in common stock with an additional \$US150 million potential earn out for the acquisition of Firth Rixson, a global leader in aerospace jet engine components, from Oak Hill Capital Partners, for \$US2.85billion in cash and stock.

Alcoa said in the report the acquisition further strengthens Alcoa's robust aerospace business. It positions the company to capture additional aerospace growth with a broader range of high growth, value add jet engine components.

Alcoa chairman and CEO Klaus Kleinfeld said in the report the acquisition of Firth Rixson, one of the greatest innovators in jet engine component technology, will significantly expand Alcoa's market leadership and growth potential.

Market Cap \$163m.

AAI untraded last at \$15.55

*KAR/Other: Drilling to commence in Pharos-1 Exploration Well, Browse Basin

Karoon Gas Australia Ltd announced preparations are being made to commence drilling in the 6.1/2 inch hole section of the Pharos-1 Exploration Well in WA-398-P in the Browse Basin (ConocoPhillips the operator, KAR 40%).

Pharos-1 is a low risk exploration well with the potential to add considerable resource to any future Poseidon development.

Market Cap \$796m.

KAR down 3 cents to \$3.11

*NST: Conditions precedent to acquire Jundee from Newmont satisfied

Northern Star Resources Ltd advised that conditions precedent in relation to the acquisition of the Jundee gold mine from Newmont Mining Corporation have been satisfied. Completion is expected to occur on July 1. The Jundee acquisition will see NST become the second largest ASX listed gold miner with annual production of 550/600,000 ozs p.a at a \$A1,050/oz all in sustaining cost.

Market Cap \$743m.

NST up 1.5 cents to \$1.285

MID TO SMALL INDUSTRIALS

*AKG: \$15.7 mln acquisition of Spectra Training in cash and scrip

Academies Australasia managing director announced the **acquisition** of CLB Training & Development Pty Ltd as trustee for the CLB Unit Trust trading as Spectra Training.

Founded in 2003, Spectra is one of the largest and highest quality private training organisations in Australia. It is one of the few registered training organisations to have state funding contracts in all six states in Australia.

Spectra's revenue for the 12 months to December 2014 is projected at \$17.6 **million** and EBITA at \$4.1 **million**. About 70% of the projected revenue is already contracted.

Consideration for the **acquisition** is \$15.7 **million** made up of \$8.6 **million** in cash and \$7.087 **million** in the form of 5.9m new fully paid ordinary shares in AKG at \$1.20 per share. The cash consideration will be funded from internal resources and bank debt. The shares will be issued in two tranches, 75% on completion and a further 25% on shareholder approval no later than at the AGM.

Market Cap \$67m.

AKG up 10 cents to \$1.20

*ATP: Best ever pearl auction in Kobe, at prices over 14% above reserve

Atlas Pearls and Perfumes Ltd announced yesterday's pearl auction in Kobe, Japan was the **company's** most successful to date. The **company** achieved a record result, selling \$2.5 **million** worth of 9/13mm high quality south sea pearls at prices over 14% of Atlas's reserve.

Atlas Pearls said the success at auction showed there is growing and sustainable demand for smaller pearl sizes across the world. Wholesale and Distribution Manager Tim Jones said in the report, "Our success is directly attributable to the fact that we are considered the market leader in the 9-13 mm specialty pearl size, consistently producing .. quality white colour pearls in this range size".

Market Cap \$28m.

ATP up 0.5 to 8.5 cents

*CAQ: Formal **sale** agreement signed for 100% of Hainan **Island** development

Cell Aquaculture Ltd (Changing direction) announced it has executed formal Share **Sale** Agreements to **acquire** 100% of the rights and title to the Haikou Free Trade Zone Project on Hainan **Island, China** which will contain a **commercial** and administrative centre, three building factories of various sizes, four bonded warehouses and one exhibition centre. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$41m.

CAQ untraded last at 11 cents

*CCV: Finalises **acquisition** of 3 franchised stores in Queensland for \$5 mln

Cash Converters International Ltd announced it has finalised the **acquisition** of three franchised stores in Queensland. The stores have been **purchased** from an existing franchisee for a total cash consideration of \$5 **million** including assets of \$1.3 **million**.

The acquisitions will take the number of corporate owned stores in Australia to 64 with 59 stores in the UK.

Market Cap \$463m.

CCV up 1 cent to \$1.08

*COM: Signs non binding term sheet to **acquire** synergistic biz for \$4mln

ComOps Ltd advised it has signed a non binding term sheet to **acquire** a complementary asset management software **business**. The **business** has revenues of more than \$4 **million** in the current year and will be earnings positive to ComOps post **acquisition**. Consideration will be in cash and shares, paid partly on settlement and partly on the future achievement of performance milestones. In addition a secured loan may be provided to the **business** prior to completion. Due diligence is now underway.

ComOps provides Workforce Management Solutions delivering substantial financial and operation advantage. It is a Microsoft **Gold** Partner and has ISO 9001 Accreditation. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$12.4m.

COM up 0.2 to 3.2 cents

*COZ: Grant to research consortium to improve Black Tiger Prawn farming

Commodities **Group** Ltd announced its wholly owned subsidiary Seafarms **Group** Ltd, Australia's largest prawn farming operator announced it is the industry participant in a research consortium recently awarded a prestigious Australian Research Council, Industrial Transformation Research Hub funding grant.

The research to be undertaken will seek to link the genetics of the Black Tiger prawn to the selection of superior breeds of Tiger prawn to transform the productivity of Australian prawn farming **operations**.

The project's Chief Investigator, Prof Dean Jerry, Head of Aquaculture and Dy Director of the Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries and Aquaculture at James Cook University's School of Marine and Tropical Biology said the project will develop and implement genetic animal breeding technologies to produce prawns that grow faster, are tolerant to disease and more attractive to buyers. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$25m. COZ up 0.1 to 5.5 cents

*ELD: Confirms second half outlook was positive, expects ongoing improvement

Elders Ltd in response to the ASX query said it is not aware of any information that would explain the recent trading in its securities, apart from its announcement on May 19 that the second half outlook was positive and subject to seasonal conditions, expects ongoing improvement against last year's results.

Market Cap \$84m. ELD down 1.5 to 18.5 cents

*MKB: Each ADR priced at \$US7.50, represents 40 MKB Aussie shares

Further to the announcement of Moko Social Media Ltd on June 4, directors announced the **company** has priced its US initial public offering of 1.1 **million** American Depositary Shares at \$US7.50 representing a total amount raised of \$US8.25 **million** or \$US9.5 **million** in the event of exercise of the over allotment option. Each ADS will represent 40 fully paid ordinary shares of MOKO. 165,000 additional Ads are subject to a 30 day over allotment option of the underwriters.

Market Cap \$109m.

MKB down 6.5 to 20 cents

*OTC/NWH/Other: Awarded \$3 mln sub contract for earthworks at Roy Hill

OTOC Ltd announced its wholly owned subsidiary OTOC Australia has been awarded a contract for the Mine Process Plant (Civil Works) in ground services in connection with the Roy Hill **iron ore** project in the Pilbara. The contract has been awarded by NRW Holdings who is sub contractor to Samsung C&T for construction and earthworks undertaken at Roy Hill.

The current value of the contract is approximately \$3 **million**.

Market Cap \$20m. / \$264m.

OTC down 0.5 to 10.5 cents / NWH down 1.5 to 94.5 cents

MID TO SMALL RESOURCES

*ATV: Scheme Meeting to be held to seek approval for Spur Ventures merger

Atlantic **Gold** NL announced the Federal Court of Australia has approved the calling of a meeting of Atlantic shareholders to consider and if thought fit approve the proposed scheme of arrangement to give effect to the previously announced merger between Atlantic and Spur Ventures Inc, to be held on July 31 in Sydney. The **sale** of wholly owned Canadian subsidiary DDV **Gold** Ltd to Spur is dependent on ATV shareholder approval. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$14m.

ATV up 0.1 to 1.7 cents

*CYL: 3m at 59gpt Au, **gold** in all samples at Four Eagles, 70m N of Bendigo Catalyst Metals Ltd announced further high grade **gold** mineralisation has been intersected at the Discovery Prospect in a recent aircore drilling program at the Four Eagles **Gold** Project, 70 **m** north of Bendigo in Victoria.

Catalyst now has an interest in tenements covering the entire **gold** potential of the Bendigo North area.

Vertical aircore hole FE 663 intersected 3m grading 59 gpt Au from 102m in a semi massive quartz vein just below the basement contact. Another totally separate sample from the same interval assayed 3m at 7gpt Au which suggests that coarse **gold** may be present in the area.

Initial assays from the smaller 30 gram sample showed values of 95.6gpt Au and 2.7gpt Au respectively. All samples, whether small or large contain good grade **gold** values, supporting the premise at Four Eagles that the **gold** distribution is predominantly finely divided. This is different to the experience at Bendigo where most **gold** occurs in very coarse particles, making assay repeatability difficult.

Market Cap \$16m.

CYL untraded last at 32 cents

*IOH: Port facility to be developed at Cape Preston East

Iron Ore Holdings Ltd announced that port lease agreements have been executed with the Dampier Port Authority for the development of a port facility at Cape Preston East. The IOH port facility at CPE will underpin an independent export supply chain solution for the planned Buckland Project, which also includes an 8 **million** tpa mine at Bungaroo South and a new 196 km private sealed haul road.

Market Cap \$147m.

IOH down 0.5 to 91.5 cents

*MEL: Suspension re. Rosella well to remain in place

Metgasco Ltd announced it has been advised by the NSW Office of **Coal** Seam Gas that the suspension of its approval to drill the Rosella well in Northern New South Wales will remain in place, despite Metgasco's request for reconsideration and removal of the suspension.

Metgasco has agreed to defer its legal action for judicial review to allow the OCSG time to complete its reconsideration of the suspension. Metgasco believes the original decision to suspend was unlawful and is very disappointed with the outcome of the government's review. (Jun 26)

Market Cap \$20m.

MEL down 0.4 to 4.4 cents

*SMD/Other: Major new phase of drilling at Barbara Cu/Au j/v in north Qld

Syndicated Metals Ltd advised a major new phase of drilling has commenced this week at its flagship Barbara **Copper-Gold** joint venture project in North Queensland (CopperChem/SMD 50/50) with two objectives, to extend the mineral resource inventory immediately below the main Barbara Open Pit deposit, to lay the foundations for a future underground **mining** operation and to establish a maiden mineral resource at the Lillymay prospect, 4km southwest of Barbara.

CopperChem is funding the work required to complete the feasibility study as part of its j/v requirements. Exploration on the tenure is funded on a 50/50 basis.

Market Cap \$18m.

SMD down 0.6 to 6.4 cents

*SXA: Rohweder #1-11 well encounters 1,450 ft of gas shows

Strata-X **Energy** Ltd announced the **company** has completed drilling **operations** on the Rohweder #1-11 well, the **company's** first proof of concept well on the **company's** 120,000 net acre Sleeping Giant Gas Project in Colorado. In drilling the vertical well to a total depth of 1,450 ft gas shows were encountered immediately after penetrating the regional hydrocarbon seal. In total gas shows were encountered over an 80 ft interval of the targeted Niobrara formation, with gas shows peaking at approximately 300 units over a background of 25 units. In drilling portions of the targeted Niobrara formation, **oil** fluorescence and **oil** cut were also observed.

The well is being logged in preparation for setting casing to total depth.

Market Cap \$28m

SXA up 1 to 31 cents

*TNG: NT Dept of Mines & **Energy** co-funding McArthur River Project

TNG Ltd advised it has secured co-funding from the Northern Territory Department of Mines and **Energy** to test two significant base metal targets at its 100/% owned McArthur River Project, located near the McArthur River Zinc Mine in the Northern Territory.

Two deep diamond drill holes are planned for a total of 600m, with drilling expected to commence in August 2014.

Market Cap \$91m.

TNG up 0.5 to 16.5 cents

*WCL: Landbridge declares 40c cash per share is final

Landbridge **Energy** Australia Pty Ltd announced the offer price of 40c per share if final except that Landbridge reserves the right to vary the offer including the offer price in the event that a competing offer is made for WestSide shares.

Landbridge advised it may **purchase** WestSide shares on market via its broker Morgans Corporate Ltd during the bid period for prices at or below the 40c offer price. Landbridge's voting power in WCL is currently 20.69%.

*WCL: Continues to recommend shareholders take no action

WestSide Corporation Ltd continues to recommend shareholders take no action.

Market Cap \$178m.

WCL up 1.5 to 40 cents

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