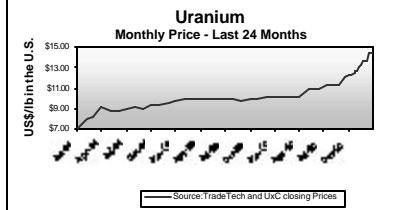
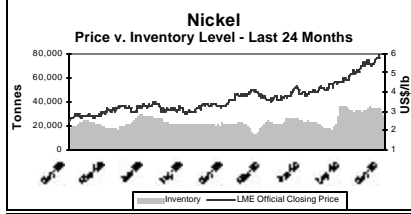
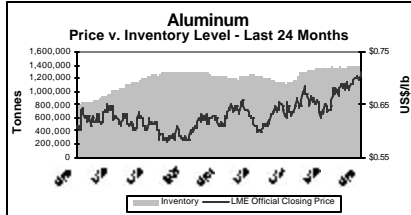
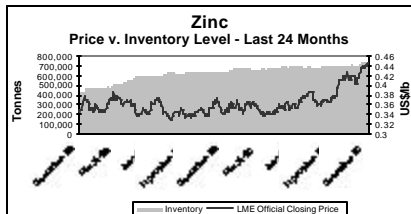
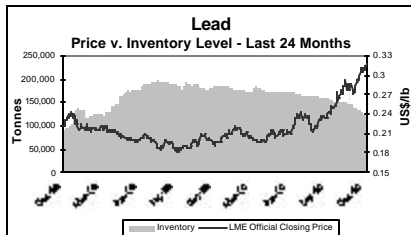
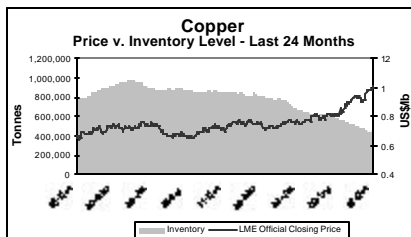


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COMMODITY UPDATES



	GOLD	SILVER	PLATINUM	PALLADIUM
Spot (US\$/Oz)	\$423.13 ↑	\$6.25 ↓	\$842.50 ↓	\$198.50 -
Futures (US\$/Oz)	\$423.20 ↓	\$6.33 ↑	\$842.10 ↑	\$204.65 ↓
12-Month Lease Rates	N/A	1.1200% ↓	7.9700% ↑	1.1700% ↓

(US\$/lb)	COPPER	LEAD	ZINC	H.G. ALUMINUM	NICKEL
LME Cash	\$1.063 ↓	\$0.332 ↓	\$0.457 ↓	\$0.721 ↑	\$6.994 ↑
LME 3 Month	\$1.057 ↓	\$0.327 ↓	\$0.464 ↓	\$0.728 -	\$6.926 ↑
LME Inventory (T)	426,075 ↓	106,375 ↓	738,400 ↓	1,420,050 ↓	23,694 ↓
Inv. CHANGE (T)	-2,500	-625	-1,325	-1,200	-192

(US\$/ton)	THERMAL COAL (06/01/04)	ELECTRICITY PRICES (\$ / MW-hr) (06/01/04)	
NYMEX Thermal Coal	\$39.67 -	On-Peak Mid-Columbia Power (US\$)	\$54.86 ↓\$7.27
Eastern US-BSB	\$37.00 -	Ontario Energy Price 4:30 PM EST (Cdn\$)	\$60.35 ↑\$26.82
Western US-Powder River	\$7.00 -	URANIUM (US\$/lb)	\$14.50 -

COMMODITY NEWS

Nickel

Altius: a catch-up candidate

Nickel prices have been both extraordinarily high and extraordinarily volatile as consumers contemplate the likelihood that, even if there is no strike against Falconbridge next month, supplies of nickel may become rationed later this year. Meanwhile, investors have observed that **Inco's** share price has kept pace with nickel prices, and they have been looking for alternate nickel plays which have yet to play catch-up. Yesterday, it was the turn of **Jaguar Nickel** (JNI-TSX; \$1.97, up \$0.32 on the day) to enjoy the results of such attention.

Another "catch-up" play which could merit the attention of investors is **Altius Minerals Corp.** (ALS-TSX-V; Cdn\$2.45, 26.2 million shares outstanding). Altius represents two things: a diversified portfolio of well-funded metal exploration projects in Newfoundland, and a 0.225% interest (with an option to go to 0.3%) in the net revenues from Inco's Voisey's Bay nickel mine. Voisey's Bay is due to start production around the end of next year. At yesterday's metal prices and exchange rates, we estimate that a 0.3% royalty interest would generate an annual pre-tax cashflow of Cdn\$0.13 per Altius share.

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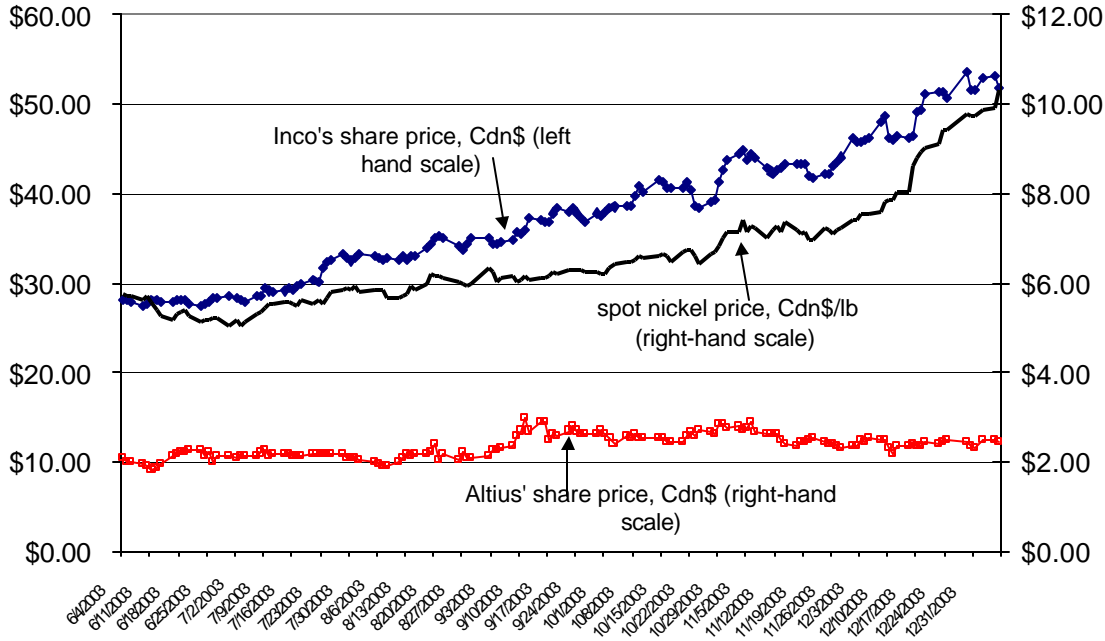
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COMMODITY NEWS (CONTINUED)

NICKEL AND TWO NICKEL STOCKS, JUNE 4, 2003 TO JAN. 6, 2004



Source: Bloomberg. Note that Altius announced on June 3, 2003 that it would acquire an interest in the Voisey's Bay nickel project

COMPANY FORECASTS

Company	Reporting Currency	Ticker	Price (Cdn\$)	52-Week Range (Cdn\$)	2003f EDC	2004f EDC	D/EDC 2003	D/EDC 2004	CF/CF 2003f	CF/CF 2004f	D/CF 2003	D/CF 2004	Recommendation	Target Price (Cdn\$)
Precious Metals														
Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.	US\$	AGE	\$16.31	\$13.40 - \$24.94	(\$0.30)	\$0.08	nmf	nmf	(\$0.06)	\$0.36	nmf	35.3	SELL	\$12.50
Barrick Gold Corp.	US\$	ABX	\$29.65	\$20.90 - \$30.29	\$0.31	\$0.28	nmf	nmf	\$1.09	\$1.05	21.2	22.0	BUY	\$31.75
Flintstar Gold Corporation	US\$	FLD	\$4.22	\$1.66 - \$5.02	\$0.03	\$0.00	nmf	nmf	\$0.04	\$0.05	nmf	nmf	BUY	\$4.50
Gabriel Resources Ltd.	Cdn\$	GBU	\$4.85	\$1.65 - \$5.14	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	SELL	\$2.75
Goldcorp Inc.	US\$	G	\$20.09	\$13.86 - \$24.00	\$0.35	\$0.34	44.7	46.0	\$0.49	\$0.50	31.9	31.3	HOLD	\$20.00
IAMGOLD Corp.	US\$	IMG	\$9.57	\$5.43 - \$10.99	\$0.16	\$0.15	46.6	49.7	\$0.32	\$0.33	23.3	22.6	HOLD	\$8.75
Kinross Gold Corp.	US\$	K	\$10.60	\$7.72 - \$12.33	(\$0.03)	\$0.07	nmf	nmf	\$0.51	\$0.54	16.2	15.3	SELL	\$9.25
Meridian Gold Inc.	US\$	MNG	\$18.59	\$12.71 - \$28.45	\$0.37	\$0.43	39.1	33.7	\$0.77	\$0.69	18.8	21.0	HOLD	\$16.25
Minefinders Corporation Ltd.	Cdn\$	MFL	\$12.60	\$6.30 - \$12.45	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	BUY	\$12.50
Nevsun Resources Ltd.	US\$	NSU	\$6.45	\$1.72 - \$9.25	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	HOLD	\$6.00
Pan American Silver Corp.	US\$	PAA	\$19.85	\$8.15 - \$20.80	\$0.03	\$0.18	nmf	nmf	\$0.12	\$0.33	nmf	46.9	BUY	\$14.75
Placer Dome Inc.	US\$	PDG	\$23.99	\$12.75 - \$24.50	\$0.48	\$0.46	38.9	40.6	\$0.98	\$1.23	19.1	15.2	BUY	\$24.50
Wheaton River Minerals Ltd.	US\$	WRM	\$3.97	\$1.03 - \$4.35	\$0.11	\$0.12	28.1	25.8	\$0.19	\$0.25	16.3	12.4	BUY	\$3.75
Base Metals and Other														
Aur Resources Inc.	US\$	AUR	\$7.00	\$3.00 - \$7.29	\$0.13	\$0.34	41.9	16.0	\$0.65	\$0.85	8.4	6.4	BUY	\$6.00
Amerigo Resources Ltd.	US\$	ARG	\$2.23	\$0.11 - \$2.27	\$0.03	\$0.15	nmf	11.6	\$0.04	\$0.16	49.6	10.9	BUY	\$2.50
Cameco Corporation	Cdn\$	CCO	\$75.15	\$29.00 - \$77.75	\$2.91	\$5.24	25.8	14.3	\$0.70	\$5.52	nmf	13.6	BUY	\$83.25
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	US\$	FM	\$14.75	\$3.60 - \$14.84	\$0.15	\$0.31	nmf	37.1	\$0.35	\$0.56	32.8	20.5	BUY	\$16.00
Inco Ltd.	US\$	N	\$51.92	\$24.60 - \$53.73	\$0.63	\$2.07	nmf	19.5	(\$0.63)	(\$0.28)	nmf	nmf	BUY	\$54.75
Inmet Mining	Cdn\$	IMN	\$19.15	\$5.40 - \$18.80	\$2.20	\$1.67	8.7	11.5	\$1.44	\$1.95	13.3	9.8	HOLD	\$12.10
Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.	US\$	IVN	\$10.92	\$2.85 - \$15.30	(\$0.66)	(\$0.16)	nmf	n/a	(\$0.01)	(\$0.16)	nmf	n/a	BUY	\$13.65
Janus Nickel Inc.	Cdn\$	JNI	\$1.97	\$0.24 - \$1.90	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	Speculative BUY	\$2.45
Teck Cominco Ltd.	Cdn\$	TEK.B	\$22.45	\$10.10 - \$23.49	\$0.50	\$1.01	44.9	22.2	\$1.87	\$2.44	12.0	9.2	BUY	\$20.75

Note: Multiples are based on a Cdn\$ share price, converted using the current exchange rate. All earnings and cash flow estimates in US\$ except for GBU, CCO, HLB, IMN and TEK.B.

*As of January 6, 2004

Note: Inco, Inmet and Cameco's CFPS estimates are free cash flows



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