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***Yours truly (far right) with personnel of Cornerstone Capital Resources (TSXV-CGP; OTC-CTNXF) and SolGold, plc (LSE-SOLG; TSX-SOLG) at the world-class Cascabel project in Ecuador's Imbabura Province.***

Good morning, Chris --

Given the *brutal* beatings handed out since late Spring to both copper--as I discussed among other things on [YESTERDAY'S PODCAST](#)--and gold, most investors couldn't care less these days what news comes out of the mining sector.

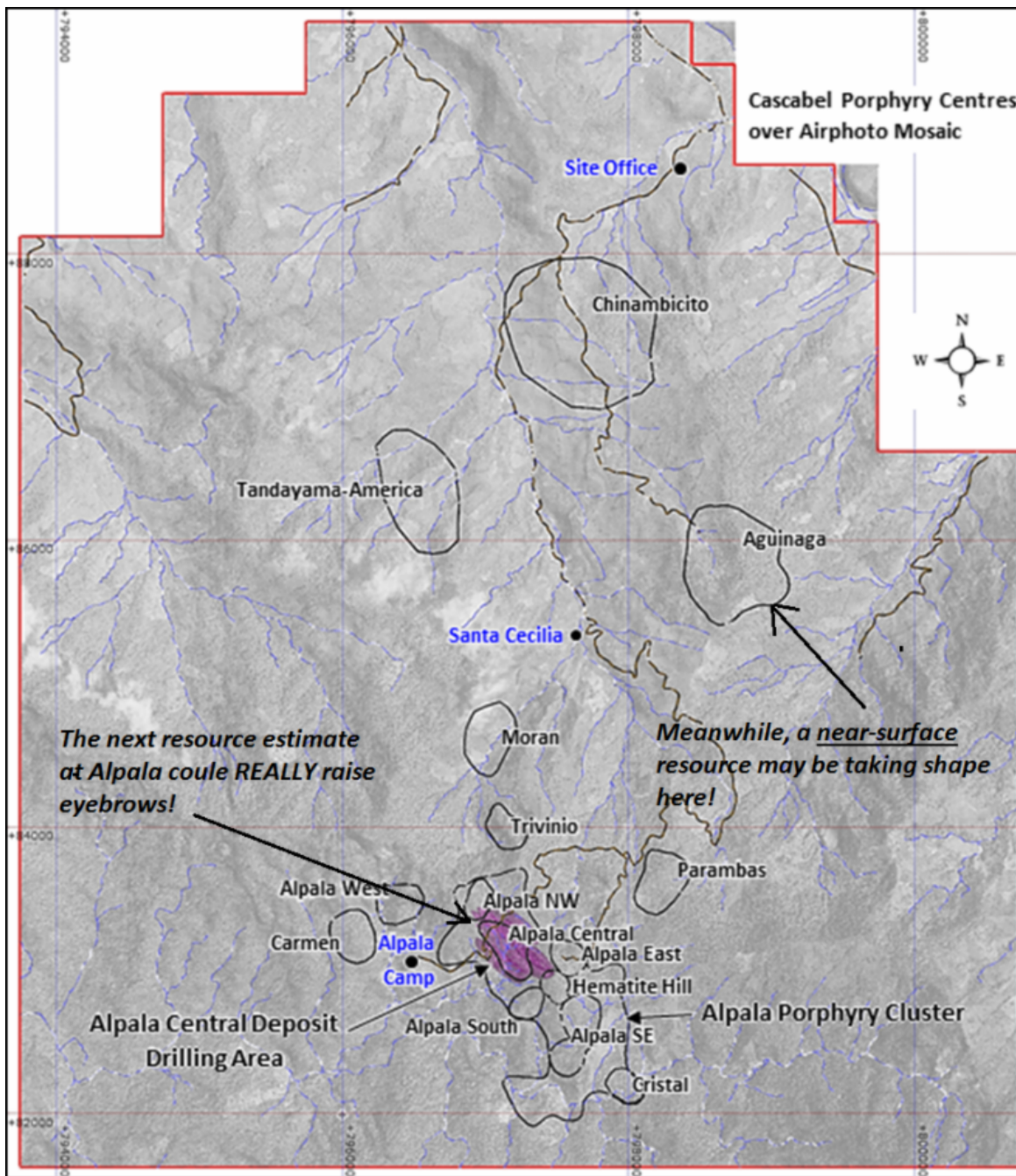
I hope you have the wisdom and savvy to NOT be a part of that crowd! And that is *especially* so when it comes to the news released the beginning of this week from Cornerstone and SolGold on their Cascabel Project in Ecuador.

**Arguably, not since the first really big discovery hole at the Alpala prospect initially started the talk of a world-class size and grade copper/gold porphyry being here have bigger *and more important* numbers come out than what we saw on Monday.** The complete details can be read [RIGHT HERE](#).

Below here I have taken the numbers from the announcement (those in **BOLD FACE** are my emphasis.)

## HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exceptional assay results from recent infill and extension drilling at Alpala Central reveal **a far more robust high-grade core than previously modeled.**
- Hole 57 (Alpala Central Infill):
  - **832m** (true width 333m) @ **1.41% copper equivalent** ("CuEq"1) (0.72% Cu, 1.10g/t Au) (from 556m depth), incl.
    - 562m (true width 225m) @ 1.72% CuEq (0.85% Cu, 1.37g/t Au) (from 814m depth), incl.
    - 304m (true width 122m) @ 2.52% CuEq (1.15% Cu, 2.18g/t Au) (from 892m depth), incl.
    - 182m (true width 73m) @ **3.46 CuEq** (1.49% Cu, 3.14g/t Au) (from 1004m depth)
- Hole 55R (Alpala Central NW Extension):
  - **1062m** (true width 425m) @ **1.02% CuEq** (0.69% Cu, 0.52g/t Au) (from 542m depth), incl.
    - 548m (true width 219m) @ 1.36% CuEq (0.86% Cu, 0.80g/t Au) (from 1042m), incl.
    - 220m (true width 88m) @ **2.07% CuEq** (1.22%Cu, 1.34g/tAu) (from 1306m depth)
- Hole 41-D1-D2 (Alpala Central Infill): Partial assay results to 1458m:
  - **512m** (true width 205m) @ **1.09% CuEq** (0.59% Cu, 0.80g/t Au) (from 926m depth), open at depth, incl.
    - 326m (true width 130m) @ 1.51% CuEq (0.77% Cu, 1.18g/t Au) (from 1112m depth), open at depth, incl.
    - 128m (true width 51m) @ **2.51% CuEq** (1.11% Cu, 2.23g/t Au) (from 1310m depth), open at depth.



As the first of *potentially several* development targets take greater shape at the huge overall Cascabel camp, **this week's blowout numbers tell us a few things:**

- \* That with *all three* of these holes being North of **that key 1% Copper Equivalent threshold** over the entirety of the long intercepts reported--with some truly staggering grades over smaller but not insignificant parts of them--it's more compelling than ever that the Alpa cluster, though deep, is of sufficient size and grade to be economically produced.

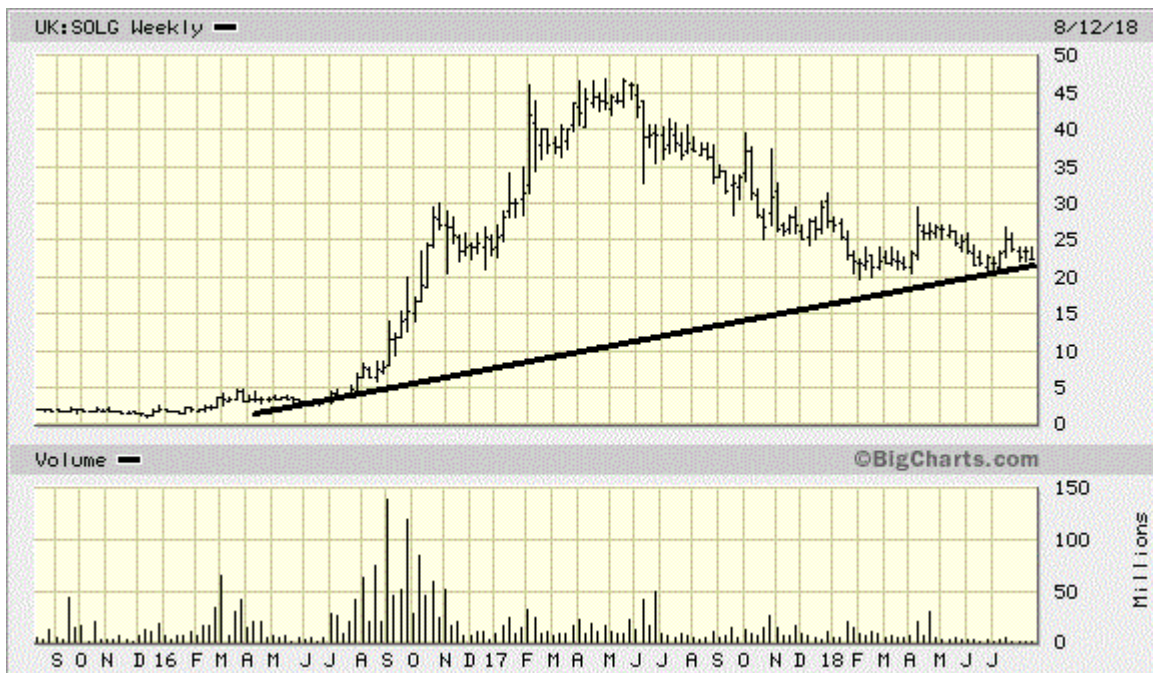
- \* With the dramatic ramp-up in drilling this year by SolGold leading to these (and other) new intercepts, **a coming upgrade to the maiden resource estimate put out back on January 3 could be far**

**more substantial than many have thought likely.** That may be especially true for the so-called "high grade core" which is clearly being added to.

\* All this in turn, once a new estimate is released (I believe prior to year-end) is likely to substantially ramp up the talk of a potential take-out of Cascabel in one fashion or another.

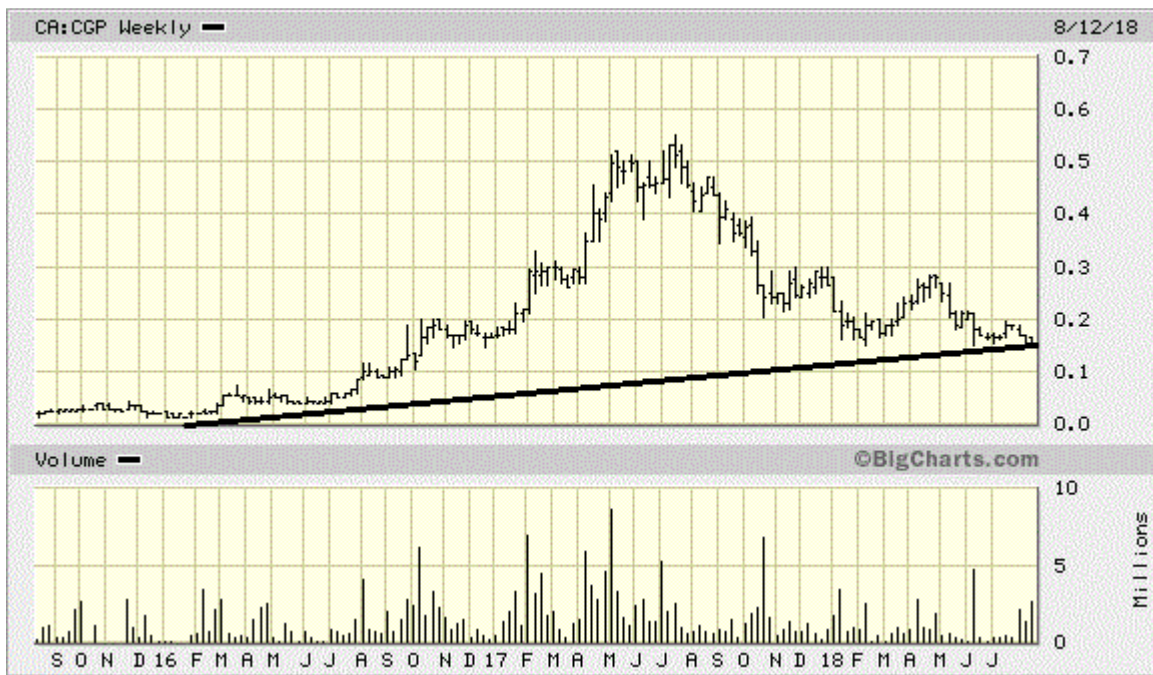
That has become more likely in a broader sense anyhow due to the many favorable tax and regulatory measures being undertaken by Ecuador's government I wrote to you of recently. This has encouraged one more global "major" after another to get a toehold in what is THE most sought-after new jurisdiction for mining in the world.

And believe you me, Cascabel is in the "sights" of a lot of major investors/developers! It will be interesting to see how the jockeying for position in THE marquee new discovery there evolves once the updated estimate comes out.



**SolGold, plc (LSE-SOLG)**





### Cornerstone Capital Resources (TSXV-CGP; OTC-CTNXF)

Before the lid *really* came off the Cascabel story starting back in early 2016, you could buy Cornerstone shares *for a piddling 2 cents each*. Likewise, SolGold's then AIM-listed shares were 2 pence a piece.

**By rights, this week's news should have pushed each up 50%.** In the overall market for mining stocks where the sound of crickets is louder than most anything else, though, it came out with little reaction.

So consider this a gift to you to get in, or round up, your position with these companies well off their most exuberant highs of about a year ago. In my view, even if metals prices have not recovered much themselves prior, I sense that a potentially major augmenting of the resource estimate will NOT go without notice once it's released.

Stay tuned...And as always, if you have any questions or comments, let me know.

All the best,

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