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Dear Chris,



***Yours truly with Cornerstone's Chief Geologist and country manager Yvan Crepeau (right) at last Fall's big National Chamber of Mines gathering in Quito, Ecuador.***

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I wanted to take a few extra minutes this morning to explain (given the volume of e-mails and calls I've received!) *briefly* for now the reasons for the [BIG ANNOUNCEMENT](#) yesterday out of **Cornerstone Capital Resources (TSXV-CGP; OTC-CTNXF)**.

Cornerstone, as many of you happily know, has been our most rewarding company of the last 18 months or so. As of today, the share price is up MORE THAN TWENTY-FOLD from the lows of early 2016.

Likewise, Cascabel operator and partner **SolGold, plc (AIM-SOLG)** (which *also* started trading this morning on the Toronto Stock Exchange

under the symbol SOLG) has seen a similar, monstrous move higher in its share price.

There are, of course, two big reasons for this:

1. Specifically, the discovery to date at the companies' Alpala Prospect in Northern Ecuador; part of the overall Cascabel concession (which, I hasten to remind you has numerous OTHER targets yet to be drilled.) *Recent assays showed yet another long hole that returned assays of more than 1% copper equivalent over one KILOMETER; and more than 3% copper equivalent over more than 200 meters of that intersection.*

**Simply put, Cascabel as I have said is simply THE biggest and most spectacular new copper/gold discovery in the world in many a year!**

2. Second, more people are belatedly understanding that Ecuador *generally* is a place they cannot ignore any longer. It astounds me to this day the number of "experts" in the mining industry (mostly pundits and gold-bug types) who continue to pooh-pooh the country.

But as I wrote after attending last Fall's "coming out" party of sorts of the NEW mining industry in Ecuador, the reality is different. And even if a few pundits continue to miss the boat, the FACT is that there has for months now been **an increasing scramble on the part of virtually every major mining company on the planet to get their foot in here.**

Basically--and I'll have more specific details for our Members coming on both *both* Cornerstone and SolGold, including my insights as to when I think the next shoes will be dropping--**Cornerstone's decision to break up the company is the logical conclusion of the thoughts behind the recent big share exchanges:**

\* It's a matter of time before a "major" makes a play to acquire Cascabel. . .and perhaps other surrounding concessions in the district.

\* As those major investors who have recently added to their ownership of Cornerstone believe, Cornerstone has a superior package of assets in Ecuador *aside from* its near-25% interest now (directly and indirectly) in the Cascabel project.

\* Cornerstone's alliance with state Mining Corporation ENAMI is also worth some money.

\* Generally speaking, **people within the mining industry at least have been hit over the head with a 2 x 4 where Ecuador is concerned.** The last largely undeveloped place in the Andes Mountains of South America is open for business; and it's now or never for those who want to get involved before it becomes MUCH more expensive.

Simply put, Cornerstone management together with, it seems, its key investors realize that Cascabel is takeover bait. BUT they don't want other of the company's assets (which include four other drill-ready projects within the country) to be taken away as part of a move to get Cascabel; at least without a premium valuation.

**Thus, yesterday's news of the "SpinCo" -- Cornerstone Exploration -- which will be set up to place most or all of the non-Cascabel assets/interests in.**

Owners of Cornerstone will end up with proportionate parts of both these companies. Especially interesting are the plans to fundamentally change the "prospect generator" model for the SpinCo *as it is both feasible and time to do so.*

Again, I'll have more to say on these and related subjects *exclusively* for our Members very shortly. . .for now, I'll remind you that our single-biggest individual company position REMAINS Cornerstone. . .which also REMAINS as a "BUY" as there's a LOT more to come!

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All the best,

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