

# Gowling's Partner on the return of excitement in the mining sector

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March 28, 2018 – “My practice is corporate finance securities, M&A. I work with all kinds of companies helping them raise money, go public.” states Jason Saltzman, Partner at Gowling WLG, in an interview with InvestorIntel’s Peter Clausi.

**Peter Clausi:** Gowlings is a law firm. It used to be Gowlings Lafleur Henderson. Now the formal name is?

**Jason Saltzman:** Gowling WLG. Gowling WLG Canada is the Canadian version, but we are now a global law firm.

**Peter Clausi:** How many lawyers do you have globally?

**Jason Saltzman:** 1,400 give or take.

**Peter Clausi:** I bet you are covering all sectors.

**Jason Saltzman:** Covering all sectors.

**Peter Clausi:** You had a big Russia office at one point.

**Jason Saltzman:** We still do. The roots of the Gowling law firm go way back to IP and Russia and that office is still thriving.

**Peter Clausi:** Wow. Good. What is your practice like?

**Jason Saltzman:** My practice is corporate finance securities, M&A. I work with all kinds of companies helping them raise money, go public.

**Peter Clausi:** Any one sector or across the board?

**Jason Saltzman:** Doing a lot in mining, doing a lot in cannabis, a lot in cryptocurrencies these days and alternative finance, but just a general securities practice. In Canada, mining is obviously a big part of that.

**Peter Clausi:** Were you bored out of your mind between 2013 and 2015?

**Jason Saltzman:** That is when we started getting into some of the exciting stuff in the Fintech space, but definitely we like the more robust markets that we have today.

**Peter Clausi:** Do you think a lot of the risk capital went into those projects during the nuclear winter of mining finance and has not come back yet?

**Jason Saltzman:** It is starting to come back. Certainly those projects are still quite popular with investors, but we are definitely seeing more excitement in the mining sector.

**Peter Clausi:** Are you on the board of anything these days?

**Jason Saltzman:** No not in the mining sector.

**Peter Clausi:** In anything?

**Jason Saltzman:** Yeah, I am on the board of a couple of crypto companies.

**Peter Clausi:** We had talked about a marijuana project a couple of years ago.

**Jason Saltzman:** Yeah.

**Peter Clausi:** Did that work through?

**Jason Saltzman:** Yeah. I am doing lots of work in the marijuana space. Have a company that is going public. They just raised \$30

million dollars in a brokered financing and the public transaction will be finished at the end of this month.

**Peter Clausi:** Do you find that the cost of compliance is getting too high within the mining sector?

**Jason Saltzman:** Yeah certainly. I mean it is not easy to be a public company these days in any sector, but particularly in mining with the extra reports and whatnot that are required. For a small company it is very taxing on their resources both in terms of financial resources and just time and bandwidth...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)