

Dan Blondal Positions Nano One for Major Share in Expanding LFP Market

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During an engaging interview at PDAC 2024 with Tracy Weslosky of InvestorNews, Dan Blondal, CEO, Director, and Founder of [Nano One Materials Corp.](#) (TSX: NANO), shared insights into the company's innovative strides and strategic partnerships, notably with Sumitomo Metal Mining. Blondal described Sumitomo as a "fantastic class one partner" with extensive experience in cathode manufacturing and technology, highlighting the partnership's role in enhancing Nano One's position in the battery materials market. With a robust patent portfolio of 40 patents and over 50 pending, Blondal emphasized the importance of continuous innovation in strengthening the company's technological leadership and shareholder value. Government support, particularly from Sustainable Development Technology Canada (SDTC), totaling around \$25 million in funding, underscores the strong backing Nano One has received, further solidifying its stance in the industry.

Blondal highlighted three competitive advantages of Nano One: its unique position with the only North American LFP production facility outside Asia, its one-pot process that reduces cost, complexity, and environmental impact, and a strategic expansion plan aiming to deploy its technology globally through a "Design-Once-Build-Many" approach. These strengths, according to Blondal, place Nano One in a prime position to capture a significant share of the growing LFP market, which is crucial for electric vehicles and energy storage solutions. The feasibility study for Nano One's first commercial plant and the

progress at its Candiatic pilot plant exemplifies the company's commitment to scaling up its technology to meet global demands efficiently.

Blondal's vision for 2024 emphasizes expanding Nano One's customer base, advancing a feasibility study to solidify financial and operational plans for their commercial plant, and securing critical raw material supplies. This approach highlights the company's strategy to scale its patented technology, aiming for a significant impact on the electric vehicle and energy storage sectors, supported by robust partnerships and government engagement.

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Dan Blondal on how Nano One's Partnership with Sumitomo Paves the Way for Sustainable Cathode Materials for Electric Vehicles

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In a recent InvestorNews interview, host Brandon Colwell spoke

with Dan Blondal, Founder, CEO, and Director of Nano One Materials Corp. (TSX: NANO), about Nano One's collaboration agreement and \$16.9 million strategic investment from Sumitomo Metal Mining. Dan emphasized the importance of this partnership, highlighting Sumitomo's position as one of the world's leading vertically integrated miner, refiner and producer of cathode active materials.

Collaboration Deal with Sumitomo, Nano One to Boost LFP Cathode Production in Canada

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Nano One Materials Corp. (TSX: NANO) operates the sole North American lithium iron phosphate (LFP) production facility located in Candiac, Quebec, with plans to convert the existing facility to the One-Pot process for production up to 2,000tpa by the end of 2024. The company will expand the production in Quebec to meet demand and its business model incorporates licensing and joint ventures for global expansion.

Investor.Coffee

(9.25.2023): As September concludes, markets worldwide display volatility, reflecting the complexities of geopolitics

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Canada in Focus

Canadian markets are showing signs of weakness as metal prices take a dip. Alongside this, U.S. stock index futures are experiencing a slip, with the market anticipating key economic data and awaiting remarks from Federal Reserve policymakers throughout the week.

European shares too are not performing optimally, with the STOXX 600 index seeing a pullback due to China-exposed shares. In the East, Japan's Nikkei has displayed resilience, rebounding robustly as investors see potential in previously beaten-down stocks after the index's tumultuous week. The metals market sees gold prices trickling down, given the U.S. dollar's surge, which is attributed to predictions of sustained higher interest rates. Meanwhile, oil prices are climbing, reflecting concerns about a tightening supply, especially after Moscow's surprising temporary fuel export ban.

A notable partnership emerges between Japan's Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. and Canada's [Nano One Materials Corp.](#) (TSX:

NANO). The former is [investing C\\$ 16.9 million](#) in Nano One, a company specializing in sustainable battery material production. The strategic partnership aims at enhancing global battery supply chains and developing cost-effective, environmentally-friendly battery cathode materials for EVs.

U.S. Market Updates

The U.S. market trajectory is heading downward as September wraps up. The Dow Jones, the S&P 500, and the Nasdaq Composite are all showing negative trends.

Labor tensions are evident in the automotive sector, with Ford Motor Company (NYSE: F) citing “significant gaps” in their ongoing negotiations with the United Auto Workers (UAW) union. Meanwhile, the UAW intensifies strikes against General Motors Co. (NYSE: GM) and Stellantis.

Rupert Murdoch, the stalwart media tycoon, stepped down from Fox Corporation (NASDAQ: FOX), marking an end to his illustrious seven-decade career. The compensation details for both Rupert and his successor, Lachlan Murdoch, have been disclosed, showing a significant hike for the senior Murdoch.

Other notable U.S. business news includes The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company’s (NASDAQ: GT) [rationalization plans](#), a [lawsuit](#) against Meta Platforms, Inc. (NASDAQ: META) by Metabyte over trademark rights, and Oracle Corporation’s (NYSE: ORCL) substantial [investment](#) in Ampere Computing.

Global Glimpses – Europe, Asia, and India

The Chinese property giant, Evergrande, faces another setback as

it discloses its inability to issue new debt, sending its shares tumbling.

While Hollywood's writers union and major studios reach a tentative agreement, potentially ending industry strikes, Russian crude oil supplies surge despite G7 sanctions, and Germany stalls its building insulation standards, providing a breather to its building sector.

Sweden's SBB offloads a chunk of its education subsidiary, TotalEnergies preps to discuss its Namibian oil prospects, and India exhibits a mixed bag of financial news. India's foreign exchange reserves witness a dip, but optimism surrounds its bond yield following JPMorgan's decision. The tech industry breathes a sigh of relief as India decides to defer import license requirements that could have impacted giants like Apple and Samsung.

In summary, as September concludes, markets worldwide display volatility, reflecting the complexities of geopolitics, evolving economic partnerships, and sector-specific dynamics. Investors and market enthusiasts are advised to keep an eagle eye on these developments to make informed decisions.

Innovations for Tomorrow: The Must-Attend InvestorTalk Series of August 2023

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As we catapult into a future shaped by quantum cybersecurity,

green hydrogen, and state-of-the-art EV battery technology, the next week's InvestorTalk events stand as your passport to the bleeding edge of innovation. Set your calendars; these sessions are brimming with insights and revelations.

Quantum eMotion Corp. (TSXV: QNC | OTCQB: QNCCF): On August 15, delve deep into the fabric of quantum mechanics with Francis Bellido. As cyber threats evolve, Quantum eMotion is ensuring our digital fortresses stand impregnable. Their patented Quantum Random Number Generator capitalizes on quantum unpredictability, heralding a new dawn in hardware security. Targets? Everything from Blockchain to Quantum Cryptography.

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SunHydrogen, Inc. (OTC: HYSR): Imagine powering tomorrow with sunlight and water. On August 16, Tim Young introduces us to the SunHydrogen Panel technology. With an ambition to fuel the emerging \$12 trillion hydrogen economy, SunHydrogen aims to drive the future – emission-free.

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Nano One Materials Corp. (TSX: NANO): That same day, at 4 PM EST, Dan Blondal unveils the green magic behind efficient lithium-ion battery cathode materials. With giants like BASF and Rio Tinto as allies, Nano One's technology eyes the vast expanse of electric vehicles, energy storage, and consumer electronics

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The Grand InvestorTalk at The National Club: August 17 is an ensemble of visionaries:

- **Spencer Huh** from [NEO Battery Materials Ltd.](#) (TSXV: NBM | OTCQB: NBMFF): Unearthing the potentials of silicon in EV lithium-ion batteries.
- **Bundeep Singh Rangar** of [Fineqia International Inc.](#) (CSE:

FNQ): Navigating the future web with digital assets, tokenization, and more.

- **Stephen Burega** from [Romios Gold Resources Inc.](#) (TSXV: RG | OTCQB: RMI0F): From precious metals in the “Golden Triangle” of BC to global mineral explorations – it’s a golden journey.
- **Thomas Smeenck** of [Hemostemix Inc.](#) (TSXV: HEM | OTCQB: HMTXF): Introducing blood-based stem cell therapeutics that have the potential to revolutionize healthcare.

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Diving Deeper:

NEO Battery Materials Ltd.: Based in Vancouver, they’re redefining EV battery materials, particularly silicon anode materials, promising enhanced efficiency and capacity over traditional graphite anodes.

Romios Gold Resources Inc.: This Canadian mineral giant, with its vast claims spanning from BC’s “Golden Triangle” to Nevada, merges tradition with innovation in gold, copper, and silver explorations.

Hemostemix: A pioneer in autologous stem cell therapy since 2003, this World Economic Forum Technology Pioneer Award winner is scaling blood-based stem cell therapeutics, which promise groundbreaking treatments.

Fineqia: At the crossroads of the digital revolution, Fineqia is capitalizing on tokenization, blockchain tech, NFTs, AI, and fintech. From managing debt securities in the UK to investing in next-gen Internet technologies, they’re forging digital frontiers.

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The Nano One manufacturing hub represents a game-changing opportunity to secure sustainable and clean battery supply chains in NA

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One of the largest gaps in the North American EV metals supply chain is the need for 'western supply' of lithium iron phosphate ("LFP") cathodes used in most standard range electric cars, smaller electric cars, commercial vehicles, and stationary energy storage. These demand areas are set to surge this decade, yet where is the non-China supply of LFP going to come from?

Dan Blondal of Nano One Talks about the \$10M Gov't Grant to Accelerate the Cathode Plant Targeting NA Lithium-ion Battery Demand

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks to [Nano One Materials Corp.](#)'s (TSX: NANO) Founder, CEO, and Director, Dan Blondal about being awarded \$10 million in non-dilutive, non-repayable contributions from Sustainable Development Technology Canada ("SDTC").

Using the funds to fast-track the conversion of its Cadiac lithium iron phosphate ("LFP") facility (North America's only LFP plant) to its patented One-Pot process, Dan explains how Nano One is progressing towards securing supply chains for the North American lithium-ion battery ecosystems.

Speaking about Nano One's strategic partnerships with Rio Tinto, BASF, Umicore, CBMM, and undisclosed automotive OEMs, Dan discusses how the Cadiac facility will help them accelerate licensing and offtake agreements that would then enable the Company to scale the facility larger and lead to commercial production and revenues.

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Nano One's technology is applicable to electric vehicles, energy storage, consumer electronics, and next-generation batteries in the global push for a zero-emission future. Its One-Pot process, its coated single crystal materials, and its Metal to Cathode Active Material (M2CAM®) technologies address fundamental performance needs and supply chain constraints; they also reduce equipment and raw material costs, operating expenses, and carbon intensity; and they eliminate a significant waste stream for a much-improved environmental footprint.

The Company aims to pilot and demonstrate its technology as turn-key CAM production solutions for license, joint venture, and independent production opportunities. This leverages Canadian talent, critical minerals, renewable energy, and a thriving ecosystem with access to large emerging markets in North America, Europe, and the Indo-Pacific region. Nano One has received funding from SDTC and the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia.

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Nano One's Dan Blondal on the Umicore joint development agreement and scaling up the battery materials space

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Tracy Weslosky chats with [Nano One Materials Corp.](#)'s (TSX: NANO) Founder, CEO, and Director, Dan Blondal, to discuss their recent [Joint Development Agreement](#) with Umicore. Nano One and Umicore have entered into a joint development agreement to improve the throughput and cost of cathode manufacturing with the goal of making Umicore's cathode materials using Nano One's patented M2CAM® One-Pot process. Umicore is a massive company in the battery materials space, with €2.1 billion (turnover of €13.8 billion) in revenue in the first half of 2022, making this announcement exciting for the Nano One team.

Dan goes on to say, "We can't get to terawatt hours of batteries and electric cars in everybody's driveways unless we solve some of the big problems associated with the scale up of this industry." The agreement leverages both parties' technologies for cathode materials to drive down cost, complexity, and environmental footprint. Nano One shareholders can anticipate seeing impacts on the bottom line in years, as the project is measured in multiple phases with go/no-go milestones.

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Understanding why the Nano One JDA with Umicore is significant in the battery materials world

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Unfortunately, a publicly traded company can't do much about the timing of news as they are required to disclose material information pretty much immediately. When you put out a press release on December 21st, when everyone is seemingly obsessed with holiday travel issues and winter storm warnings, it can potentially fly under the radar of investors. Pile on a market that was visited by the Grinch for all but one day in the last two weeks (ironically the best day in that period for the S&P 500 was Dec 21) and you can see how there is the potential for a very meaningful piece of news to appear to get lost in the shuffle.

I'm referring to [recent news](#) from [Nano One Materials Corp.](#) (TSX: NANO) that stated it had entered into a Joint Development Agreement (JDA) for production process technologies for cathode active materials (CAM) for lithium-ion batteries with Umicore.

This is a really big deal for Nano One, but before I explore why that's the case let's look at why I think the market appears to have either missed it or ignored it. Sure the stock rallied almost 8% the day the news came out, but as I noted above, it was a good day for the market overall and many stocks saw substantial gains that day. In the case of Nano One, the volume

traded that day was not out of the ordinary, and the share price has subsequently sold off to below where it was trading when this news first came out. More telling (at least to me), is that there isn't a noticeably above average trading volume day since this news. Yes, overall market volume has been below average for the last few days, but if a company puts out material news, somebody will take notice, and it appears (based on trading volume) no one has.

At this point, you might be thinking I'm the one missing the point and perhaps the news isn't as big a deal as I'm making it out to be. I can live with that but I'll let you be the judge as I flesh out what this could mean for Nano One.

Let's start with who the JDA was signed with – Umicore. Belgium-based [Umicore SA](#) is a significant player in the battery materials world, with revenues of €2.1 billion (turnover of €13.8 billion) in the first half of 2022 and currently employs 11,350 people. It is a leading circular materials technology company with an extensive expertise in the fields of material science, chemistry, and metallurgy. Umicore is the largest producer of cathode material outside of Asia, and they are far and away the Western world's largest recycler of technology metals. They are a dominant player in LCO batteries and nickel rich cathode materials. Canadian readers may recall the [July 13th announcement](#) of plans to build a C\$1.5 billion battery supply chain plant near Kingston, Ontario. Additionally, Umicore has a joint venture with Volkswagen AG to build precursor and cathode material production capacities in Europe to supply Volkswagen AG's European battery cell production.

And what could all this mean for Nano One? If the JDA is successful in increasing throughput for high nickel NMC cathode active materials while reducing costs and environmental footprint, we could see Umicore making their cathode materials

using Nano One's patented M2CAM® One-Pot process technology. Now you can see why it's important to understand who Umicore is and what they've got going on. This could be huge for Nano One, albeit both the Kingston facility and the Volkswagen joint venture aren't slated to be in production until 2025.

Nevertheless, Nano One is on a roll and continues to make material progress. When I [last discussed](#) Nano One in August, I commented on how years of hard work was starting to come together and that momentum was starting to snowball. At the time they had recently [acquired 100% of the shares of Johnson Matthey Battery Materials Ltd.](#) located in Candiac, Québec, [signing a joint development agreement](#) for lithium-ion battery materials with industry giant BASF, and announced a [US\\$10 million equity investment](#) by one of the world's largest mining companies, Rio Tinto. This latest deal with Umicore brings further credibility to Nano One and signals that this well funded (almost C\$46 million in working capital), C\$235 million market company appears to be headed in the right direction.

Neo Performance Materials and Uranium Sector Leads this Week-in-Review...

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"US Futures are down across the board, with no new economic data or major earnings expected. Investors are looking to the August jobs report, scheduled for Friday, as they weigh up how big a rate hike could be coming from the Fed in September."

Last week saw equity markets close the last week on a down note, as all three major U.S. indexes sold off sharply for their worst closes in months after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank would continue fighting inflation with rate increases. Don't expect much in the way of a reprieve in early trading as we get the day under way." – Kevin Thomsen, Morning Chatter for August 29, 2022

Friday was an intense day of speculation and discussion in the rare earths sector. With breaking news early AM with [Agreement to acquire strategic shareholding in Neo Performance Materials and cornerstone investment in Hastings by Wyloo Metals](#), Christopher Ecclestone put out a piece on InvestorIntel titled [Neo Performance and Hastings – Will Wonders Never Cease?](#) – that was followed later that day, with a second announcement [Neo Performance Materials Announces \\$67.5 Million Bought Deal Treasury Offering of Common Shares.](#)

Allow me to remind you that Constantine Karayannopoulos will be the luncheon speaker at the [Critical Minerals Institute](#)'s summit scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022.

This morning, we see indicators that the uranium sector has interest, we coincidentally have a headline story written by Jack Lifton titled [Are we slaves to Russian uranium processing?](#) It seems we are in the right place at the right time as we start out the InvestorTalk.com schedule this week with 2 uranium companies... followed by an antimony story on Thursday.

[InvestorTalk.com](#) line-up for this week:

- 9-9:20 AM EST, Tuesday, August 30, 2022 – InvestorTalk.com with John Cash from **Ur-Energy Inc.** (NYSE American: URG | TSX: URE), [click here to register](#)
- 9-9:20 AM EST, Wednesday, August 31, 2022 –

InvestorTalk.com with Dev Randhawa from **Fission 3.0 Corp.** (TSXV: FUU | OTCQB: FISOF), [click here to register](#)

- 9-9:20 AM EST, Thursday, September 1, 2022 – InvestorTalk.com with Christopher Ecclestone from **Molten Metals Corp.** (CSE: MOLT), [click here to register](#)

Now for some highlights from the Week-in-Review for the week of August 22-26, 2022 –

The Top 10 Trending Columns on InvestorIntel.com for the last 30-days include:

1. [Nano One's cathode materials are inventing the zero-emission battery future](#)
2. [Announcing the Launch of the Critical Minerals Institute for Companies and Experts Focused on Electric Vehicles, Green Energy and Secure Supply Chains](#)
3. [The King of Tin is Alphamin](#)
4. [Rare earths expert Alastair Neill on Vital Metals](#)
5. [Lynas Bets \\$500 Million on Rare Earths Market Expansion](#)
6. [Zentek sets its sights on treating skin conditions as it expands potential uses for its ZenGUARD graphene coating](#)
7. [Eye on the price of uranium, Cameco brings crown jewel back into production and Ur-Energy is set to go.](#)
8. [Molybdenum – securing a domestic supply of the vital but underappreciated mineral](#)
9. [A titan of titanium – with a big HAMR](#)
10. [Valeo Pharma's Steve Saviuk talks about the US\\$40M non-dilutive financing from Sagard Healthcare Partners](#)

InvestorIntel Columns to REVIEW:

- August 26, 2022 – [Neo Performance and Hastings – Will Wonders Never Cease?](#)

- August 25, 2022 – [The Dean's List – Part 6: What cobalt companies could benefit from Canada's commitment to critical minerals?](#)
- August 24, 2022 – [dynaCERT puts its carbon emission reduction technology to the test](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [Mining our way to the Green Revolution](#)
- August 22, 2022 – [Musk Twitter Deal, Predatory Short Selling Takes a Hit and Rethinking Greenland Rare Earths in this Week-in-Review...](#)
- August 22, 2022 – [Greenwashing – It's not easy pretending to be green](#)

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- August 26, 2022 – [West Red Lake Gold Closes \\$4,100,000 Flow Through Financing](#)
- August 26, 2022 – [Neo Performance Materials Announces \\$67.5 Million Bought Deal Treasury Offering of Common Shares](#)
- August 26, 2022 – [Agreement to acquire strategic shareholding in Neo Performance Materials and cornerstone investment in Hastings by Wyloo Metals](#)
- August 25, 2022 – [Awakn Life Sciences Signs Agreement with a Leading Drug Development Company to Deepen IP Moat for Its Lead Program](#)
- August 25, 2022 – [Rackla Metals focuses on Tombstone intrusive related gold](#)
- August 25, 2022 – [dynaCERT Advances its Verified Carbon Standard Application with Verra](#)
- August 25, 2022 – [Completion of Institutional Placement](#)
- August 24, 2022 – [Westward Gold Completes Turquoise Canyon Anniversary Payment](#)
- August 24, 2022 – [Molten Metals Corp. Announces Formation](#)

of Strategic Advisory Board

- August 24, 2022 – [Bald Eagle Announces Exchange Approval for Name Change to Hercules Silver Corp. and Provides Exploration Update](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [Molten Metals Samples 39.4% Antimony \(Sb\) and 9.69g/t Au, at Tienesgrund, Slovakia](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [TrustBIX Inc. Announces June 30, 2022 Third Quarter Financial Results](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [Auxico Signs Offtake Agreement for Tin Concentrate from the Massangana Tin Tailings Project in Brazil](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [DOE Funds Next-Generation Rare Earths Processing Research Collaboration](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [Silver Bullet Mines Corp. Updates on Washington Mine in Idaho](#)
- August 23, 2022 – [Nano One Receives C\\$1.8M towards SDTC Milestone 4 and Granted 2 Patents](#)
- August 22, 2022 – [Hemostemix Announces Closing of UNIT Private Placement](#)
- August 22, 2022 – [Hudson Resources And Neo Performance Materials Sign Agreement On The Sarfartoq Rare Earth Element Project In Greenland](#)
- August 22, 2022 – [dynaCERT to Equip the City of Timmins with Winterized Carbon Emission Reduction Technology](#)