

West Red Lake Gold's Kontak on the 'positive' gold sector

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Tracy Weslosky: Your stock moved up 27% last week on no news. Do you think investors are looking at gold again John?

John Kontak: Of course we are happy to see the movement in our stock. The question would become, I think to some extent, does it look like 2016 again when the gold peaked at \$1,900.00 in 2011 and then we went into a bear market in the gold sector including the juniors? It kind of turned around in 2016. Let me answer that on a macro level and then relate it to the junior sector. On the macro level I think the price of gold in New York right now is being determined by the Federal Reserve policy. They have been increasing interest rates at 25 basis points. That has created a strong U.S. dollar and a weakness in the gold sector. But, there are only so many interest hikes ahead. For every 1% on the T-bill there is \$220 billion dollars of interest given that the U.S. is now under \$22 trillion dollars of debt at

the national level alone. Regardless of what has happened last week, I think that the macro picture is in place for a positive gold sector and we think that is the case for the next extended period of time. Now on the junior level, junior developers like us, we are getting \$13.00 an ounce in the ground based on our resource estimate at the Rowan Mine. These things are going to get revalued at some point. Historically they will get 10 times what they are getting right now per ounce in the ground. We think there is a positive situation ahead in the precious metal sector including gold exploration and development companies like ourselves. We are happy with what happened last week and we think there is more of that ahead.

Tracy Weslosky: InvestorIntel audience members out there, we have a bit of a buzz going on with a belief that some of the cannabis cash will be redirected into gold here shortly. We have asked John, because, of course, West Red Lake is in one of the richest gold deposit areas in the world, correct?

John Kontak: Yeah. Just to remind your listeners, we have the West Red Lake Project property. It is a 3,100 hectares on the west side of the Red Lake Gold District. We have 12 kilometers of strike length on the Pipestone Bay St Paul Deformation Zone, the regional gold bearing structure that has made the Red Lake Gold District a high-grade gold district that has produced 30 million ounces over time. On the West Red Lake project there are 3 former mines. We have the Mount Jamie Mine and the Red Summit Mine; we own 100%. On the Rowan Mine, which is the most developed portion of our property, we own 60% and operate in Goldcorp, one of the largest gold producers in the world that was founded in Red Lake, Ontario, has 40% and they fund their 40%. We have a resource estimate at the Rowan Mine property. It is 1.1 million ounces graded at 7.6 grams per ton...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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March 19, 2018 – “I think Canada is a great place to be. For example, Canadian mining executives talk about this with projects in Canada or all their projects in Canada that they like the price of gold right now with \$1,300. They like it because of the exchange rate.” states John Kontak, President and Director of [West Red Lake Gold Mines Inc.](#) (CSE: RLG | OTCQB: RLGMF), in an interview with InvestorIntel's Jeff Wareham.

Jeff Wareham: John is both the President of West Red Lake Gold Mines and also a real industry expert and seasoned veteran of the mining space. Every year PDAC is different John. Some years it is exciting. Some years it is funereal. What are you seeing this year?

John Kontak: A lot of expectations. If I could just stick with the gold sector and not speak about the other minerals that are very topical here as well. In the gold sector gold peaked in terms of U.S. dollars at \$1,900.00 an ounce in the fall of 2011. Then it got tough for exploration and development companies, which is my side of the business. It is hard to raise money. It is hard to keep a drill turning. We fortunately were able to do that at our company. However, it was a tough time. In 2016 it was kind of the first leg up when that, kind of, bear cycle

ended. We moved our company forward, West Red Lake Gold Mines. We raised almost \$3 million dollars in 2016 and the price of gold moved. In 2017 it was kind of sideways. I am kind of feeding off of 2016 momentum. The sense now as we begin 2018 is this may be the year for the next leg up that began in 2016. Sideways in 2017 and would like in 2018 to have a strong year and a good leg up. A lot of the things are giving indications that that may be the case.

Jeff Wareham: Anything particularly you are seeing jurisdiction wise where people want to be or do not want to be?

John Kontak: I think Canada is a great place to be. For example, Canadian mining executives talk about this with projects in Canada or all their projects in Canada that they like the price of gold right now with \$1,300. They like it because of the exchange rate. With the Canadian dollar in the high seventies the price of gold in Canadian dollar terms is very handsome. When you compare it to their costs, which they pay their invoices in Canadian dollars of course before Canadian gold projects, they have a very handsome profit margin. We like that. On the exploration and development side that means the Canadian gold producers are using up their assets every day and they are going to need more projects to be mining down the road. We are cautiously optimistic. A next leg up with capital moving in the market would be a good thing for 2018.

Jeff Wareham: Good stuff. You mentioned actually, although we are talking about the industry, you did mention West Red Lake Gold has their own drills. Do you think that is something we are going to see important this year because I understand there is a lot of backlogs, both with drillers and with the labs in particular?

John Kontak: We do not own the drill, but our relationship with

our drilling contractor is one of true partnership with a service supplier so the drill is always on the property...to access the complete interview, [click here](#)

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