

# CBLT'S Peter Clausi on de-risking exploration projects with M&A

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In a comprehensive interview with InvestorNews host Tracy Weslosky, Peter Clausi, President, CEO & Director of [CBLT Inc.](#) (TSXV: CBLT), delved into the company's strategic focus on mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and asset development across the mineral exploration sector. Clausi articulated CBLT's preemptive strategy to bolster its financial position by liquidating assets ahead of anticipated market downturns, ensuring the company remains financially robust with "cash in the bank." This prudent financial management, according to Clausi, positions CBLT advantageously during both prosperous and challenging times, enabling continued exploration and project development activities.

Clausi emphasized CBLT's unique approach to growth, stating, "In our belief, you can make more money with the pen than with the drill bit at less risk," highlighting the company's success in maximizing value through strategic M&A activities rather than solely relying on direct exploration. This philosophy has allowed CBLT to maintain a lean share structure over 15 years, with only 75 million shares issued, a testament to their efficient capital management and strategic project acquisitions.

The interview further shed light on CBLT's diverse portfolio, ranging from gold and cobalt to lithium and copper properties across Canada, each selected for its potential to address future market demands. Notably, Clausi spotlighted the acquisition and planned development of the historic Falcon Gold Mine in Sudbury, illustrating CBLT's knack for identifying and revitalizing

underexplored or forgotten assets. This property, alongside others such as Michaela in British Columbia and a lithium property adjacent to the Tanco Mine in Manitoba, underscores CBLT's strategic foresight in project selection and development.

Adding to the company's strategic capabilities, CBLT announced the addition of James R. Atkinson, a geologist with over 40 years of experience, to its board of directors, promising to further bolster its expertise in mineral exploration and project evaluation.

Moreover, Clausi provided insights into the company's recent sale of the non-core Ryliejack asset in northern British Columbia, demonstrating CBLT's strategic asset management and focus on optimizing its portfolio for financial and operational efficiency. Throughout the interview, Clausi's narrative was one of strategic foresight, prudent financial management, and a deep understanding of the mineral exploration sector. His perspective on the critical role of copper as a technology metal, over other more transient battery metals, reflected a long-term strategic outlook on commodity investment, emphasizing the importance of adaptability and foresight in the rapidly evolving resource sector. Clausi's articulate discussion highlighted CBLT's commitment to strategic growth, value creation, and operational excellence in the exploration industry.

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## **About CBLT Inc.**

CBLT Inc. (TSXV: CBLT) has an impressive portfolio of eight (8) active exploration projects, and one (1) passive investment

across Canada. In Manitoba, they fully own the Shatford Lake Project, focusing on Lithium, which was acquired in 2021. In Sudbury, Ontario, they possess both Copper Prince and the former gold producing Falcon Gold Project, acquired in 2016 and 2023 respectively. These two projects are significant as they jointly cover 100% of the Garson Fault, with resources including Cobalt, Copper, and Gold. Ontario is also home to their Big Duck Lake Project, acquired in 2019, which is rich in Copper, Gold, and Zinc. Similarly, in Newfoundland, the Burnt Pond Project, also acquired in 2019, targets Copper and Zinc resources. Their Geneva Lake Project in Sudbury, focusing on Lead and Zinc, has been under their ownership since 2012. Lastly, the Mikayla Project in British Columbia, acquired in 2012, explores Copper, Gold, and Silver, though no exploration activities were reported for it in fiscal 2023. With regards to passive investments, CBLT acquired title to the Chilton Cobalt property in Quebec in 2017, which was later optioned to PowerStone Metals Corp.

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# **Darren Hazelwood Discusses Panther's Substantial Land Package and VMS, Graphite Prospects in the Greenstone Belt**

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In an Investor.Coffee interview with Peter Clausi, Darren Hazelwood, CEO of Panther Metals PLC (LSE: PALM), discussed the company's strategic focus and current projects. Panther Metals is dedicated to developing the next Volcanogenic Massive Sulphide (VMS) camp in Canada, a significant endeavor considering VMS deposits include valuable minerals like copper, zinc, lead, gold, and silver. The company's exploration in the Obonga greenstone belt, located approximately 2.5 hours north of Thunder Bay by tarmac road, has already yielded promising results.

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## **Murchison Minerals is counting on Quebec's integrated**

# critical minerals strategy

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With the latest EV battery materials facility announcement by Ford Motor Company (NYSE: F) and South Korean companies EcoPro BM Co. and SK On Co., it would appear Quebec is pushing hard to be a global competitor in the EV supply chain. Granted it was probably a pretty easy decision for Ford and its partners given the Federal and Provincial governments are investing a combined C\$644 million of the estimated C\$1.2 billion cost of the project. However, that should likely give a leg up for any critical material miners in Quebec who suddenly find themselves on the doorstep of a burgeoning EV battery hub in Bécancour.

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## A treasure hunt in Spain has eyes cast on Emerita Resources

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Sometimes the thought of a place you've been or an experience you had (or both) brings up a very positive memory. For me, Seville, Spain is one of those great memories. We were traveling through Spain with little to no planning other than a few key spots to visit (like the Alhambra in Granada, Toledo, Barcelona, Madrid) when we had the fortune of getting to Seville just as Feria de Abril de Sevilla (Seville April Fair) was beginning. What a blast! Now anytime I see or hear a reference to the city of Seville, I have a smile etched on my face for the next several minutes or sometimes even hours.

So when I found out that there was a mining company with its corporate office in Canada but its technical team's head office located in Seville, Spain, I knew I had to take a closer look. [Emerita Resources Corp.](#) (TSXV: EMO | OTCQB: EMOTF) is a Canadian mineral resources exploration company dedicated to the acquisition, exploration, research and development of prospective mining properties in the Iberian Pyrite Belt (IPB) with a focus on traditional base metals (zinc and copper) and precious metals (silver and gold).

I can honestly say that when I was in Seville I had no idea I was on the doorstep of one of the most productive volcanogenic massive sulphide (VMS) districts in the world, with a mining history that dates back to 8th century B.C. The IPB forms an arch roughly 240 km long and 35 km wide stretching from Seville, Spain to Grandola, Portugal. Over 2,000 million tonnes of ore has been extracted in the region and there are currently over 250 deposits known in the belt. Some of those deposits are quite large such as Neves-Corvo (Lundin Mining Corporation (TSX: LUN | Nasdaq Stockholm: LUMI)) at 65.1 Mt Reserves @ 10.3% ZnEq, Aguas Tenidas (Sandfire Resources Limited (ASX: SFR)) at 51.3 Mt Reserves @ 8.96% ZnEq and Las Cruces (Agnico Eagle Mines Limited (TSX: AEM | NYSE: AEM)) at 36.2 Mt Reserves @ 7.69% ZnEq.

But Emerita has more than [closeology](#) going for it, they've done plenty of work on their own properties in the area. The 2,394.1 hectare Iberia Belt West Project (IBW), which comprises three polymetallic deposits from east to west: La Infanta, El Cura, and La Romanera was previously explored by major companies including Asturiana de Zinc SA, RTZ and Phelps Dodge Corporation in the 1970's and 1980's. On May 23, 2023, the [Company announced](#) the maiden independent NI 43-101 compliant resource estimate based on drill results from the 2022-23 resource delineation drilling program at La Romanera and La Infanta deposits. The mineral resource estimate contains a

combined 18.8 Mt including a 14.07 Mt indicated resource at 7.63% ZnEq and a 4.71 Mt inferred resource at 9.29% ZnEq. A seemingly good start but it would appear the market was expecting a little more as the stock dropped 24% on significant volume upon release of the news.

Perhaps that's because the Romanera deposit was drilled by Minera Rio Tinto in the 1990's and is reported to have contained 34 million tonnes grading 0.42% copper, 2.20% lead, 2.3% zinc, 44.4 g/t silver and 0.8 g/t gold, but this data is not NI 43-101 and thus should not be relied upon. Nevertheless, initial exploration work has recently commenced at El Cura and all deposits are open for expansion along strike and at depth. Drilling is expected to continue at IBW through 2023 and into 2024 targeting continued expansion of the IBW resource. Another intriguing detail in the resource estimate is that for the ZnEq calculation, the gold recovery factor used was 20%. It would seem that if the Company can work with its metallurgical consultants to improve the gold recoveries there is another opportunity for some material upside.

Subsequent to the maiden resource estimate, Emerita has announced a pair of successful drilling updates from the ongoing program. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, [Emerita announced](#) drill hole LR146 intersected 13.0 Meters Grading 0.2% Copper; 3.6% Lead; 13.1% Zinc; 1.35 g/t Gold and 120.9 g/t Silver in the Upper Lens which was intersected at 580.9 meters and 22.9 meters Grading 0.6% Copper; 2.0% Lead; 4.8% Zinc; 0.58 g/t Gold and 79.2 g/t Silver in the Lower Lens to extend the La Romanera deposit at depth. Then last week another [update](#) included drill hole LR151 which intersected the Lower Lens at 662.0 meters encountering 42.2 meters grading 0.3% copper; 1.0% lead; 2.0% zinc; 2.44 g/t gold and 70.4 g/t silver; including 7.3 meters grading 0.3% copper; 2.0% lead; 2.2% zinc; 8.11 g/t gold and 114.2 g/t silver.

Additionally, readers of the latest [press release](#) were teased by the comment that two drill holes have been completed at the El Cura deposit, with hole EC003 having intercepted 9 meters of mineralization of which approximately 5 meters is massive sulphide mineralization, adjacent to approximately 4 meters of semi massive sulphide mineralization. Assays are pending for these holes.

And all of this information only encompasses one of Emerita's properties, of which the Company's total land position in the area is 26,000+ hectares, representing one of the largest mineral exploration holdings in the EU. There are a couple of other interesting projects that need to be explored (pun intended) but that will have to wait for another day. For now, Emerita is well funded with plenty of ongoing exploration continuing to generate news over the coming weeks and months. Stay tuned to see if Emerita's results are as good as Iberian Ham.

Emerita Resources trades at a market cap of C\$96 million.

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## **CBLT is on an M&A Mission for Critical Minerals**

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks with [CBLT Inc.](#)'s (TSXV: CBLT) CEO, President, and Director Peter Clausi to discuss the critical minerals sector, and Tracy secures an update on how CBLT's ongoing M&A strategy is progressing.

In this interview, Peters starts with [an update](#) on the Big Duck Lake property, an area, traditionally explored for gold, is currently being tested for the presence of zinc. He then offers an update on CBLT's recent acquisition of the formerly producing Falcon Gold Mine in Sudbury, Ontario. The Falcon Gold Mine is located adjacent to two sections of CBLT's Copper Prince property claims, meaning CBLT has reunited title to the Garson Fault.

Other highlights included the recent dividends paid to CBLT shareholders from Ciscom Corp. shares, Peter finishes the conversation offering an update on its Shatford Lake lithium project that it is exploring.

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# Peter Clausi Discusses CBLT's Falcon Gold Mine Acquisition to Consolidate a Land Package Near Sudbury

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Chris Thompson talks with [CBLT Inc.](#)'s (TSXV: CBLT) CEO, President, and Director Peter Clausi about its recent acquisition of the Falcon Gold Mine in Sudbury, Ontario, which has a historical gold resource estimate.

Located adjacent to two sections of CBLT's Copper Prince property claims, Peter discusses how the Falcon Gold Mine acquisition consolidates its position along the Garson Fault as recommended in a report by Falconbridge Limited, a prior owner. The Garson Fault is one of the major geological structural elements in the Sudbury area.

The Falcon Gold Mine has no production data available, but Peter goes on to discuss a 1996 report (not carried out according to NI 43-101 standards) around the mine, where two pyrite-rich surface samples assayed 50.47 g/t and 53.21 g/t gold and three pyrite-rich dump samples assayed 33.60 g/t, 38.33 g/t and 40.46 g/t gold. The company plans to conduct data aggregation, sampling, and mapping to develop a comprehensive plan for the consolidated property.

Peter also provides an update on CBLT's portfolio of gold and critical mineral projects in Newfoundland, Manitoba, and Ontario. Providing an update on Shatford Lake in Manitoba and the Burnt Pond property in Newfoundland where CBLT is exploring for lithium, Peter also talks about the potential for zinc and

copper at their Big Duck Lake property located in the Hemlo Camp in Ontario, Canada.

Finally, Peter mentions that the company has sufficient funding for its summer fieldwork, including cash from recent successful investments and ongoing M&A activities. He also mentions the possibility of a critical mineral flow-through financing, which offers significant benefits to investors targeting the critical minerals identified by the Canadian government.

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# Does Nationalization Loom for Critical Minerals

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The world is finally starting to pay attention to the importance of 'critical minerals'. Different countries have different lists

of what those minerals are, but every list includes lithium, rare earths (“REE”), cobalt, copper, nickel, and zinc. (One region mystifyingly includes rubber on its list, but I digress.)

The problem is, most people are missing the point of why these minerals are critical and what that means for private ownership. So let’s go back to basics.

## **The Importance of Critical Minerals**

One of the definitions of the word critical is “important or vital; irreplaceable”. When it comes to the Green Revolution, that definition is spot on. Critical minerals are irreplaceable in the march away from fossil fuels. Without those minerals, we will continue to use fossil fuels until a better technology comes along, decades from now, during which interlude we will choke out Mother Earth.

But saying ‘we need those minerals to make rechargeable batteries and permanent magnets’ is rather simplistic. That’s not really the point. A recent article in *The Economist* gives better arguments about why the Green Revolution is good for countries, apart from saving the planet.

The article titled [“The green revolution will stall without Latin America’s lithium”](#) argues that nationalizing critical mineral deposits and mines (and by extension, minerals like silver that aren’t on critical mineral lists) offers benefits like a broadened tax base and more jobs within the country. Nationalization, it argues, can be good for the economy.

That argument rings hollow with me. Jobs can be created and taxes can be paid without the national government owning the assets. Mining rights can be exercised by foreign companies under a regime without the government getting into the mining business, plus does any government operate any business well?

*The Economist* has missed the point.

## **Companies are Protecting Vertical Supply Chains for Critical Minerals**

Before we get to the point, let's revisit the February 2023 announcement of a [General Motors Company](#) (NYSE: GM) investment into [Lithium Americas Corp.](#) (TSX: LAC), which holds among other assets Thacker Pass. Thacker Pass is the largest known potential source of lithium in the United States of America. We've seen other investments from auto manufacturers into lithium companies.

Do you think they're doing this as a long-term investment to be monetized at some point in the future? When one of the shadow Chinese investment companies invests in a critical minerals company, do you think it's for the portfolio?

No, these are not portfolio investments. These are functional investments into irreplaceable assets. Everyone is worried about the vertical supply chain for those critical minerals for their own uses.

GM is looking to ensure it has access to lithium for its own purposes. GM isn't going to share the lithium eventually produced at Thacker Pass (assuming Thacker Pass overcomes community challenges and gets into production).

[Mercedes-Benz Group AG](#) (XTRA: MBG) won't share the lithium it gets from [Rock Tech Lithium Inc.](#) (TSXV: RCK), northwest of Thunder Bay, Ontario. These investments are to help ensure a vertical supply chain of lithium. Expect other investments into other critical minerals.

# Countries are now Protecting Vertical Supply Chains for Critical Minerals

What did *The Economist* miss? Countries aren't nationalizing or protecting mineral assets for tax or employment reasons. They are doing so to protect their own vertical supply chains for critical minerals. To do otherwise would be to turtle, to offer up a neck to be crushed by a foreign actor who has such minerals.

Countries like Peru, Argentina, Mexico, the Congo, and Kazakhstan have either announced or enabled plans to nationalize their natural resources.

Even nice Canada has taken some steps to put the ownership of Canadian assets into more friendly hands (too little, too late).

These countries won't be the last.

When you're investing, jurisdictional risk just became one of the largest risks to consider.

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## Nicole Brewster of Renforth Resources on the Battery Metals Surimeau Project in Quebec

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In this InvestorIntel interview during PDAC 2023, Tracy Weslosky

talks with Nicole Brewster, CEO and President of [Renforth Resources Inc.](#) (CSE: RFR | OTCQB: RFHRF) about the Company's 330 km<sup>2</sup> Surimeau District Property in northern Quebec, Canada. The property has good access to road and hydro-electric power.

Nicole says Renforth has a *"spectacular battery metals property"* in Quebec and the property has *"29 kilometers of mineralization"* with one section being a continuous 20 kilometers of strike length. Key metals along the 20-kilometer mineralization include nickel, cobalt, and platinum group elements. The Property also has VMS fingers with zinc, copper, silver, and gold.

Nicole states there is a lot of mineralization yet to be drilled and that *"we will be drilling in a couple more weeks"*. Answering the question of what sets Renforth Resources apart, Nicole says: *"We are ultra active, we are in the field, we are putting the money in the ground."* She also says: *"The time is definitely now, we are brownfield, we are beside Canada's largest open pit gold mine, mineralization is on surface, we will build an open pit."*

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## **About Renforth Resources Inc.**

Renforth is focused on Quebec's newest battery metals district, our wholly-owned ~330 km<sup>2</sup> Surimeau District Property, which hosts several known areas of polymetallic "battery metals" mineralization, each with various levels of exploration, as well as a significant amount of unexplored ground. Victoria West has been drilled over a strike length of 2.2km, within a 5km long mineralized structure, proving nickel, copper, zinc, and cobalt mineralization, in the western end of a 20km magnetic anomaly.

The Huston target, during initial reconnaissance, resulted in a grab sample grading 1.9% Ni, 1.38% Cu, 1170 ppm Co and 4 g/t Ag. Additionally, the Lalonde, Surimeau, and Colonie Targets are all polymetallic mineralized occurrences which, along with various gold showings, comprise the areas of potential of this NSR-free property.

In addition to the Surimeau District battery metals property Renforth wholly owns the Parbec Gold deposit, a surface gold deposit contiguous to the Canadian Malartic Mine property in Malartic, Quebec. In 2020/21 Renforth completed 15,569m of drilling which successfully twinned certain historic holes, filled in gaps in the resource model with newly discovered gold mineralization, and extended mineralization deeper. Based upon the success of this significant drill program the Company considers the spring 2020 MRE, with a resource estimate of 104,000 indicated ounces of gold at a grade of 1.78 g/t Au and 177,000 inferred ounces of gold at a grade of 1.78 g/t Au to be out of date. With the new data gained Renforth will undertake to complete the first-ever structural study of the mineralization at Parbec, as well as additional total metallic assay work in order to better contextualize the nugget effect on the gold mineralization.

Renforth also holds the Nixon-Bartleman property, west of Timmins Ontario, with gold present on the surface over a strike length of ~500m.

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# Hercules Silver's CEO Chris Paul Discusses Recent Results from District-Sized Silver Project in Idaho

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In this InvestorIntel interview, Tracy Weslosky talks to [Hercules Silver Corp.](#)'s (TSXV: BIG | OTCQB: BADEF) CEO and Director Chris Paul about [delineating](#) a large mineral system at their Hercules Property located in western Idaho. Chris discusses how their 2022 rock chip sampling program identified a widespread silver-lead-zinc-copper system, with up to 2,810 g/t silver and 21% copper in previously untested targets.

Located in one of the top jurisdictions in the world for mining, Chris provides an update on the Phase 1 drill program at their Hercules Property.

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Hercules Silver Corp. is a junior mining company focused on the exploration and development of the 100% owned Hercules Silver Project, northwest of Cambridge, Idaho.

The Hercules project is a disseminated silver-lead-zinc system with 28,000 meters of historical drilling across 3.5 kilometers of strike. The Company is well positioned for growth through the

drill bit in 2023, having completed extensive surface exploration in 2022 consisting of soil & rock sampling, geological mapping, IP geophysics, and a 9-hole drill program.

The Company's management team brings significant exploration experience through the discovery and development of numerous precious metals projects worldwide.

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# **Murchison Minerals explores camp scale potential for nickel and zinc at HPM and BMK projects**

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[Murchison Minerals Ltd.](https://www.murchisonminerals.com) (TSXV: MUR | OTCQB: MURMF) has recently

[announced results](#) of its summer exploration program at its wholly owned HPM (Haut-Plateau de la Manicouagan) property. This included an aerial geophysical survey of the 648 km<sup>2</sup> (250 square miles), ground prospecting and diamond drilling with the plan to produce a maiden resource early 2023. The original discovery by Falconbridge of a Nickel-Copper-Cobalt mineralization dates to 1999.

What is interesting about the location is that it is only 8 kms (5 miles) to the rail line from Fermont/Labrador city and Port Cartier:



***Source: Company website***

As you can see it is also close to hydro-electric power which gives this opportunity two very important and strategic advantages over a lot of other potential mining opportunities in the Canadian north. It should also reduce CAPEX and OPEX as power will not have to be generated on site and material can be shipped in and out with relative ease. It is also 40 kms (25 miles) from the provincial Highway 389.

Two years ago, the Quebec government started the Quebec Action Plan on Critical Materials, which this deposit would fall under should the project move forward. The Quebec government is very supportive and proactive in the mining industry and the development of projects, particularly in the northern part of the province.

There are several targets of interest at HPM, the key one being their Barre de Fer target which reported an intercept of 43.15 meters grading 1.74% Ni, 0.90% Cu and 0.09% Co. By comparison, Voisey's Bay on average was 1.63% nickel, 0.85% copper and 0.09% cobalt. On September 7th Murchison [reported](#) the pXRF results

from a new 404 m drill hole that intersected four broad zones of Ni-Cu-Co sulphide bearing mineralization totalling 130.00 m of composite thickness, and returning 18.05 m estimated at 1.98% pXRF Ni Eq. (89.95 to 108.0 m) including 8.1 m at 3.45% pXRF Ni Eq., and 69.90 m estimated at 0.68% pXRF Ni Eq. (267.0 to 336.90 m) including 16.1 m at 1.4% pXRF Ni Eq. This ongoing exploration, the company says, is aimed at completing a maiden resource on Barre de Fer by early Q1 of 2023. The question is will they approach the 141 million tonnes of ore of Voisey's Bay, which made it a world class discovery.

The other project Murchison is working on is the 100% – owned Brabant McKenzie (BMK) zinc-copper-silver project in Northern Saskatchewan, located about 170km northeast of La Ronge. This is a VMS (volcanogenic massive sulphide) Zn-Cu-Pb-Ag-Au deposit which was originally prospected in the 1950s and 1960s. In September 2018 there was a [NI 43-101 upgraded report](#) with an indicated resource of 2.1 million tonnes at 9.98% zinc equivalent and an inferred resource of 7.6 million tonnes at 6.29% zinc equivalent. This was based on 138 drill holes with a cutoff of 3.5% zinc equivalent.

VMS deposits are widely distributed with major deposits in Canada being Kidd Creek, near Timmins, Ontario, and Bathurst in New Brunswick. The Kidd Creek mine, which has operated since 1966, is run by Glencore and is the deepest base metal mine in the world at 2,735 meters (8,973 feet) below sea level. The Bathurst mine suspended operations last month and the owner, Trevali, has delisted its shares from the TSX. The following table compares the Murchison deposit to Kidd Creek:

	<b>Tonnes</b>	<b>Zinc %</b>	<b>Copper %</b>	<b>Silver g/t</b>
Kidd Creek 2020	5 million	3.60%	1.80%	44.0

Murchison indicated	2.1 million	7.08%	0.69%	39.6
Murchison inferred	7.6 million	4.46%	0.57%	18.42

Murchison's Brabant Lake project has a maintained road – Saskatchewan Highway 102 – and existing power lines running through the property, which again points to management looking at projects with strong infrastructure. The drive from the local community of Brabant Lake to Saskatoon is about six hours. Last year's preliminary metallurgical work produced a 50% zinc concentrate with an 85% recovery.

Both projects are early stage but have promising potential and looking forward to additional results. Certainly worth keeping an eye on this company as more updates come out on these properties.