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Introduction

A Monday Morning Musing from Mickey the Mercenary Geologist

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I constantly get asked by investors, brokers, fund managers, and companies if I write a newsletter. The answer is an emphatic no. I don't have the time, type of schedule, or discipline that would be conducive to regular publication of a newsletter. However, I enjoy writing and this page allows me the freedom to freelance outside of the usual constraints of a formal technical stock analysis. Consider what you see in this section my "Musings", some informal, and sometimes "shoot from the hip" ideas, that you can think about and act on if you like.

I anticipate my musings will be somewhat sporadic efforts based on my commitment to a busy travel schedule, market research, jobs that actually generate some sort of taxable income, mentoring, and lastly but most importantly, my inspiration to write. It will be partly a travel diary documenting my adventures doing field exams, mapping projects, corporate presentations and investor meetings, financing efforts, mentoring tasks, speaking engagements, and investment conferences.

I will address macroeconomic issues, commodity supply, demand, and prices, and specific economic factors influencing the junior resource markets. Other pertinent topics may include discussions on how to pick winners in the stock market and how to evaluate companies from the lay investor's point of view. I may even give some unsolicited stock tips and will certainly tell you what I like and what I have recently invested in. (Here's my latest profit-taker: Eastfield Resources (ETF.V) pre-spinoff of Lorraine Copper (LLC.V). It went ex-distribution for April 16 settlement so sorry you missed that one. Either one or both might be a buy in a few weeks when the dust settles, I'll keep you posted.)

There will be tidbits gathered in alcohol-fueled discussions at the bar and there will be news and rumor from the bush. There will be rantings and ravings and rib-pokings and razzings of my business and the many colorful and sometimes zany characters that inhabit it, my cohorts, and me. Remember this: if you can't laugh at yourself at least once every day, then you have no sense of humor.

As a true American, Jeffersonian democrat, Constitutionalist, gun-and-gold owning, camouflage truck-driving patriot, and a give me liberty or give me death Patrick Henry-inspired Libertarian, I may occasionally shock those who choose to stand in line for their government checks every month or will vote for McCain, Billary, or Obama in November. I personally contribute to Congressman Ron Paul.

Those who know me well know that I always have an opinion and I am articulate enough to express it. Or as Jim Rome would say: I have a take and I don't suck. I pride myself on taking either side of an issue to encourage debate and good conversation. Sometimes I will make a bold statement just to generate thought and discussion. I have no beliefs; in fact I hate that verb. *Belief* is for the fanatically religious and I am neither a fanatic nor a religious being. Whoops that is blatantly untrue... fan is short for fanatic. I am a fanatic of the St. Louis Cardinals.

And, yes, my **Mercenary Musings** will be posted early on **Monday Mornings**. Funny, I just started out to write a general introduction to this web page and I guess I've written the first Musing between 4:30 and 5:30 am on Monday April 21. You'll learn that I don't require a lot of sleep which makes me a better fisherman.

Stay tuned, let me know what you think, and I hope you are always informed, usually entertained, occasionally provoked, and seldom outraged.

Gotta go, it's time for a game of Scrabble against that verbose veteran who lives in my computer.

Ciao for now,

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