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Can Zim cash in on the gold price rally? Zimbabwe's mineral commodity

producers will enjoy limited benefit from the current upsurge in international prices as it is nearly impossible to ramp up production in the short term, industry experts have said. Commodity markets are being squeezed from increased demand as economies recover from the coronavirus pandemic as well as the impact from geopolitical factors that are affecting supplies. As a result, prices for metals and other internationally traded commodities are climbing at the fastest rate since 1995, pointing to a very good year for producers. Gold extended its rally towards a record high on Tuesday, after investors made a beeline for the traditional safe-haven metal on mounting fears around the Russia – Ukraine crisis. While the gold price has since retreated below US\$2 000 per ounce, it is still trading 15.16 percent higher than a year ago. As at mid – morning yesterday, the gold price was up 2,44 percent for the week. Gold miners are expected to benefit from the rush to safe haven amid the Ukraine crisis.

The recent increase in the prices of fuel has triggered a massive hike in prices of most basic commodities. The Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority on Wednesday increased fuel prices for the second time in five days, with petrol going up from US\$1,51 per litre to \$1,67 and diesel from US\$1,51 per litre to US\$1,68. Confederations of Zimbabwe Retailers president Denford Mutashu implored government to focus on internal alternatives through sourcing and production to curtail the negative economic reflex triggered by the Russo – Ukraine war. "We should brace for price increases on basic and non – essential products as the global geopolitics play out triggered by the Russian – Ukraine war. It is high time we focus on internal alternatives through domestic sourcing and production. Prices of fuel and gas are set to remain unstable for the unforeseeable future although there is relief from the intervention of the Arab world that has committed to increase production and supply of crude oil"

Market Commentary

"The ASI continue trading in the red zone"

As sellers continue to dominate the market, the ZSE ASI fell another 50 basis points to close the session at 14655.18 points. The amount of market activity surged substantially, with \$553 million in shares changing hands. Delta, the telecommunications behemoth, topped the value aggregates with ZWL\$217 million in trades, while FCB, the commercial bank, dominated the volume aggregates with 3.3 million shares traded. Econet received \$70.3 million and Hippo \$39.3 million in other notable exchanges. Market sentiment was adversely biased, with 20 of the 40 equities rising, ten falling, and ten remaining unchanged, as indicated by market breadth. The plastics company outpaced the market by 11.11 percent, while the reinsurer recovered from previous day losses by 7.06 percent to \$3.91. Afdis is up 6.67 percent, while Wildale, the brickmaker, is up 3.97 percent to \$2.96.

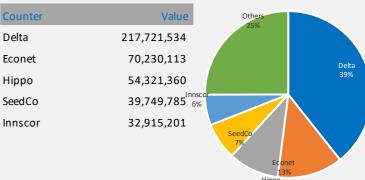
On the other hand, the hoteliers African Sun slipped 12.62%, while NMB lose steam trading in the red zone, subtracting 10.72 percent to settle at \$12.49. FMP stock dropped 4.95 percent, while Star Africa stock dropped 7.51 percent.

Meanwhile, the Russia-Ukraine conflict has brought some good fortune to the nickel miners, with Bindura trading just on the circuit breaker, jumping by 20%, boosted by the recent spike in nickel prices on the global market.

Market Statistics

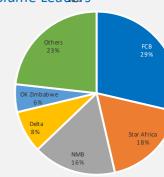
ı		Open	Close	% change
	ZSE All Share	14,728.09	14,655.18	-0.50%
	ZSE Top 10	9,723.45	9,669.32	-0.56%
	ZSE Top 15	10,715.85	10,658.93	-0.53%
	Medium Cap	24,541.92	24,472.02	-0.28%
	Small Cap	402,553.06	398,104.06	-1.11%

Value Leaders



Volume Leaders

Counter	Volumes
FCB	3,353,300
Star Africa	2,077,700
NMB	1,928,300
Delta	983,700
OK Zimbabwe	645,000



Gainers

	Close	% change	Volume
Proplastics	3,000.00	11.11%	1,000
ZHL	390.89	7.06%	16,200
Afdis	23,466.66	6.67%	300
Willdale	296.32	3.97%	11,300
FML	1,950.00	3.17%	200

Shakers

	Close	% change	Volume
African Sun	865.02	-12.62%	36,700
NMB	1,249.98	-10.72%	1,928,300
FMP	652.85	-6.74%	2,800
Mash	302.26	-6.32%	177,200
Turnall	480.00	-4.00%	100

Investor Diary				
Counter	Event	Date	Time	Venue
Art	AGM	10/03/2022	14.30	Virtual
CFI	AGM	30/03/2022	11.00	Farm & City
TSL	AGM	23/03/2022	12.00	Virtual
Willdale	AGM	07/04/2022	11.00	19.5km Peg Lomagundi
Cautionary Statemer	nts			
Counter	Announcement Date			
TLS Limited	31 January 2022	Shareholders are advised that TSL ("the Company") has entered negotiations for a acquisition transaction in a complementary business which, if successfully concluded, material effect on the price of the Company's securities.		
		Accordingly, shareholders are advisuntil a full announcement is made	ed to exercise cautio	n when dealing in the Company's securities
GetBucks Bank	10 February 2022	Further to the cautionary announcement dated 18 January 2022, shareholders are advised that negotiations for a recapitalisation are still in progress, the full impact of which is still being determined and, if successfully concluded, may have a material effect on the price of the company's securities. Shareholders are further advised that the Board of Directors have since approved recapitalisation.		
ZECO	10 February 2022	The Directors of ZECO Holdings Limited wish to advise all shareholders and the investing public that the company is still engaged in discussions with the regulator that involves the ratification of the change in the strategic focus of ZECO from a Rolling Stock company to a Residential and Commercial Property Investment and Development Company		
Larfage	15 February 2022	Further to the Cautionary Announcement dated 6 January 2022, shareholders and members of the investing public are advised that following the roof collapse over the cement mills on 11 October 2021, the cement mills have since been restored back to normal. There is, however, some work that is still ongoing to fully repair the roof. The Company also advises shareholders and members of the investing public that further to the Cautionary Announcement dated 26 January 2022, there may be developments relating to the Company, the full impact of which is currently being determined as it may have an effect on the Company's securities. Accordingly, shareholders and members of the investing public are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the Company's securities until a full announcement is made.		
Zimplow	17 February 2022	Zimplow Holdings Limited, advise	shareholders that Zi the disposal of an a	Board on 19 January 2022, the Directors of mplow Holdings Limited is in negotiations asset, which if successfully concluded, may
Larfage	08 March 2022	investing public are advised that a si	gnificant shareholde	ary 2022, shareholders and members of the or in the Company is involved in discussions successfully concluded, may have an effect
ZBFH		the investing public are advised that of minority interests in ZB Ban	t discussions on the k Limited, ZB Bu	oruary 2022, shareholders and members of potential transfer of assets and acquisition ilding Society and Intermarket Banking neluded, may have a material effect on the



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