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Over the last year, as gold prices have risen by 38%, select gold mining stocks have gone on a tear, handing investors even bigger profits. For example, from November 6, 2023, to November 5th, 2024...¹

- Coeur Mining (CDE) handed investors a return of 136%...
- Jaguar Mining (JAGGF) returned 251%...
- Montage Gold (MAU.V) shot up 271%...
- GR Silver Mining (GRSLF) soared 273%

Even gold mining stock mutual funds and ETFs — which hold a basket of stocks — are doing pretty darn well. In fact, over the last year...

- VanEck Gold Miners ETF is up 37%...
- Fidelity Select Gold is up 39.6%...
- NYSE Arca Gold Bugs Index is up 39.7%²

This shouldn't come as a surprise seeing as inflation, a soaring national debt and a rising tide of geopolitical crises have led investors to seek safe and potentially profitable havens for their money.

And we're not out of the woods yet. As you'll see later in this Special Report, things will get much worse in the years ahead.

As a result, I expect many more investors to seek safety in gold and — for even bigger potential gains — gold mining stocks.

If you haven't already, I recommend you consider adding both to your portfolio.

However, it's a mistake to buy any old gold stock. Any company you're considering investing in needs to be carefully vetted to ensure that...

- It has made what could be a significant gold discovery...
- The discovery can likely be mined profitably and in sufficient quantity to move the needle on the stock price...

¹ Gold Price: 11/6/23-11/5/24: \$1,987.10 - 2,738.75 — DailyMetalPrice.com

² Stock and mutual fund prices: 11/6/23-11/5/24 — YahooFinance.com

- The company has built a management and engineering team with the experience, financial resources and expertise to get the job done in a timely and efficient manner.

Everything You Ever Wanted in a Gold Mining Stock

Fortunately, I've uncovered just such a company. It's called West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG). It's an up and coming mining company that managed to snatch a gold-rich distressed property from under the noses of several gold mining giants who were fighting to get their hands on it.

The property — which has already produced 2.5 million ounces of gold — still holds 1.7 million defined ounces.³

Better yet, those defined ounces are a starting point for discovering more, considering where the property is located and the promising results West Red Lake Gold Mines is getting from its continuing exploration of the area.

Perhaps best of all, the property's Madsen Mine is on track to start again producing high grades of gold by early 2025 — yet its stock is still priced as if the company is many years away from production.

Furthermore, the company is backed by a legend in the gold mining business — a billionaire entrepreneur who made a fortune through both building and financing companies through their formative stages.

He's also the founder of Lions Gate Entertainment, a billion dollar company that's most famous for distributing *The Hunger Games* movies.

But I'm getting ahead of myself. Let's go back to the beginning of the exciting story...

A Distressed Mine With a High-Grade Gold Deposit in One of the Richest Gold Districts in Canada

When my research first came across West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG). and the Madsen Mine property, my first question was this:

How does a small company snatch a potential billion-dollar property from under the noses of nearby mining companies — all of them with billion dollar market caps — including Evolution Mining, Equinox Gold and Kinross Gold?

I wanted to know what I was missing.

Fortunately, with a little digging and a few interviews I got the real story... and it's one that could turn out to be quite profitable for you.

A Mining Legend Returns to the Industry that Made Him Wealthy

³ Calculated 11/5/24 @ \$2,738.75/oz

It all starts with the Canadian billionaire entrepreneur and philanthropist I mentioned a moment ago.

His name is Frank Giustra⁴ and he is considered one of the top five most successful mining entrepreneurs in Canadian history

He made his first fortune as a mining entrepreneur and by raising billions of dollars for Canadian mining companies in the 1990s.

His vast and impressive experience includes...

- Helping to create a natural resources group at upstart firm Yorkton Securities. Under Giustra's leadership, the firm became a big player in the world of international mining finance.
- Spending six years as chairman of the merchant bank Endeavour Financial, again helping to finance mining companies.
- He and another industry veteran purchased Wheaton River Minerals and helped transform it from a \$20 million micro-cap into a \$2.4 billion industry giant.

Wheaton ultimately merged with Goldcorp, creating one of the largest gold producers in the world. And Goldcorp was later acquired by Newmont Mining.

- Currently the CEO of the Fiore group, which manages private equity investments and companies in a variety of sectors, including natural resources.

And, as I mentioned, along the way he also founded and served as Chairman of the billion-dollar entertainment giant Lions Gate Entertainment.

What Convinced Him to Return

Though he keeps his finger on the pulse of the mining industry, Giustra hasn't been actively involved in the industry for many years simply because he didn't see much opportunity.

However, that began to change a few years ago as he became increasingly concerned about the future of the U.S. economy and the fate of the dollar.

His research told him that the Fed's relentless monetary expansion, coupled with the massive growth in the national debt, would likely mean bad times for the economy and much higher inflation — perhaps even hyperinflation.

All of which were likely to send gold prices — which had been stagnant for years — soaring.

⁴ <https://frankgiustra.com/>
<https://frankgiustra.com/about/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_Giustra

A Mine in Distress and a Potentially Massive Opportunity

As a result — with near impeccable timing — Giustra decided it was time to return to his roots and begin looking for opportunities in the gold mining industry after an eight-year absence.

To make that happen, he put together a top-notch team led by an experienced mining engineer and industry executive named Shane Williams.

Williams has had an impressive career building mines all over the world as an engineer and top executive at Skeena Resources and Eldorado Gold, among others.

His team also includes the Tony Makuch, the former CEO of Kirkland Lake Gold, and Duncan Middlemiss, the former CEO of Wesdome Gold Mines.

The group began scouring North America for an undervalued gold mining opportunity that would put them back in the mining business fast.

However, they gave special attention to Ontario, Canada's Red Lake region. It's an area that has produced more than 30 million ounces of gold.

Better yet, it hosts so many high-grade deposits that it has been called "the high-grade gold capital of the world."

It's also a place where Frank Giustra had some of his greatest success.

This includes his involvement with Goldcorp's acquisition of the Red Lake Mine, which has since produced 15 million ounces of gold (and counting) from some incredibly high-grade deposits and helped propel Goldcorp from a modest mining company to a mining giant valued at \$50 billion.

So the team couldn't believe its luck when it realized the Madsen Mine in the Red Lake region needed a new owner.

As I mentioned, Madsen is a mine that has already produced 2.5 million ounces of gold, has another 1.7 million ounces defined right now, and could be sitting on much more.

However, the mine was in distress, with its owner in bankruptcy, thanks to a series of brutal and costly mistakes.

Most importantly, the property was set to be auctioned off, thus creating a potential opportunity for Giustra's team — assuming they could get their hands on it the mine and that it was everything it appeared to be.

Uncovering the Truth About the Madsen Mine

So the team started digging into the mine's history to discover why a property supposedly sitting on 1.7 million ounces of gold was even for sale.

And they discovered quite a story...

The Madsen mine had originally operated from 1938 to 1972, producing two million ounces of gold from an ore body that yielded a whopping nine grams of gold per metric ton.

However, rising expenses as the mine got deeper combined with a falling gold price (just \$58 an ounce in 1972) reduced the mine's ability to turn a profit and it was forced to close, despite an abundance of gold still underneath the property.

The property changed hands several times over the following decades, but none of the attempts to restart the mine ever went anywhere.

But then in 2015, Pure Gold Mining arrived on the scene, purchased the mine and invested \$250 million to confirm the resource, launch further exploration efforts, re-permit the operation, build a state of the art mill, and upgrade the mine.

Looking back, it seems the company's goal was to do enough to garner publicity for the mine's vast potential and then to flip it to a bigger company for a fast payday

And though members of that company's team had done this kind of thing before in other places, this time it didn't quite work out as planned

In fact, Pure Gold's marketing team did too good of a job getting investors excited about the mine... driving its market cap to more than a billion dollars.

Pure Gold Gets In Over Its Head

At the time, this was too rich for the big miners who had been looking at buying the mine. They thus turned to other opportunities, leaving Pure Gold with no choice but to actually build and operate the mine in order to pay the bills.

The problem: Pure Gold's team hadn't done enough work to reduce the risks inherent in mining. Among other things, they didn't do near enough drilling to accurately discover exactly where the gold was.

Nor did they properly update the geological models so they could understand the ore body.

As a result, they haphazardly mined the site — generally choosing spots that were easier or cheaper to mine — and wound up delivering ore that was only grading, on average, around 3.5 grams of gold per metric ton.

This was well below the expected 8.5 grams per metric ton Pure Gold was expecting and wasn't near enough to make the mine profitable — especially with gold prices hovering around \$1,700 an ounce, which left no margin for error.

The End Finally Comes... and Giustra's Team Steps Up

Thus in October 2022, Sprott Resource Lending, which held the company's debt, pulled the

plug and forced the company into bankruptcy — which is how the Madsen Mine wound up on the auction block.

After taking a close look at the property... the resource estimates... three new potential gold zones identified by Pure Gold... and all the infrastructure and permits the property had to offer, Giustra's team decided to make a bid at the auction.

However, they weren't alone. A number of big players also had their eyes on the project and entered the bidding as well.

And though its competitors apparently offered richer deals to Sprott, Giustra's team won the bidding by offering a notable equity stake in West Red Lake Gold.

Taking shares in West Red Lake created the potential to make up all the losses Sprott had incurred working with Pure Gold if West Red Lake could make good on its plans.

Sprott, being fully aware of the mine's potential because of the vetting it did before loaning money to Pure Gold Mining, jumped at the opportunity to remain invest in the asset they always liked but now under expert management. Thus it sold the property to Giustra's team.

Sprott was also impressed by Giustra's involvement thanks to his stellar reputation in both the mining industry and the business world. Not to mention his deep pockets, his access to capital and the fact that he'd have a sizable stake in the deal — and now owns 10% of the company.

The Deal of the Century: Trading 1.7 Million Ounces of Gold for Only \$22 Million

In the end Giustra and his team bought the mine in June 2023 for total consideration of about \$29 million — though only \$5 million in up-front cash.

It also offered 1% of revenue (less transportation and refining cost — valued at roughly \$11 million) and converted Pure Gold's outstanding debt into equity (giving Sprott a 22% stake in the company). Plus, Sprott received an additional \$10 million in deferred payments.

For that, Giustra's new company West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) became the proud new owner of an 18 square mile almost turn-key operation with...

...an indicated resource — meaning geologists are confident that the estimate is reasonable — of 1.7 million ounces of gold...

...and an inferred resource — an estimated based on geological evidence — of 370,000 ounces of gold.

Better yet, the gold in the indicated resource grades at 7.4 grams per metric ton — which is very high and means the company is able to pull a lot of gold from every metric ton of ore it processes.

The inferred resource is only a slightly lower grade at 6.3 grams per metric ton.

All this is more than enough to potentially make the Madsen Mine — and West Red Lake Gold Mines — nicely profitable. Something which could also drive its stock price much higher.

However, as you'll see in a moment, the company is nowhere near done exploring the property or expanding the size of its resource.

The Property Includes Everything the Modern Gold Miner Needs and More

Plus, West Red Lake Gold Mines purchased the Madsen property, it got far more than just gold for its money.

After all, Pure Gold spent \$250 million building a new mine on the historic property. Thus the property also came with...

- A new state of the art mill that can process more than 800 metric tons of ore daily... and has the potential to be expanded to nearly twice that

The mill worked like a charm for Pure Gold Mining and achieved a strong 95% gold recovery rate during its two-years of operations

- Two underground access portals and ramps into the mine. This mine has many miles of underground development – tunnels that give access to the deposit for drilling and then for mining. Underground development is so slow and costly that it's tough to even capture how much time and money this existing setup saved West Red Lake as it pushes to get into production.
- A starting set of underground mining equipment that meant West Red Lake Gold could get underground and start blasting tunnels and drilling holes right away
- A 4,100 foot deep shaft that reaches down to this very high-grade 8 Zone, where the gold resource is almost three times richer than in the rest of the deposit. This very high-grade resource is small for now, but you better believe West Red Lake plans to get down there and drill as soon as possible to see if they can grow that rich zone.

The shaft also adds vital ventilation to the mine and means West Red Lake Gold Mines can in the coming years hoist mineralized rock up from deep in the mine (once the shaft is refurbished), which is 6 times less expensive than trucking rock up to surface.

- A permitted tailings facility, without which a mine cannot function. Permitting a new tailings facility can take many years and cost tens of millions to build so this is incredibly valuable for anyone who wants to start producing gold soon.
- A water treatment plant to clean wastewater generated by the mining facilities or that is pumped out of the mine. Once treated, the water is clean enough to be released into the nearby stream.

The company is also in the process of building a 114-person camp on site to house non-resident workers and contractors. This is an attractive option for employees and highly efficient for the company.

Bottom line: All of this built and ready to go infrastructure lets the company move at warp speed compared to starting from scratch.

Even Frank Giustra Was Blown Away

At the end of the day, even Frank Giustra, with all his experience in the industry, was stunned at what his team had pulled off.

As he put it in an interview, “Acquisitions like the Madsen Mine don’t happen. In my entire career I’ve never seen an acquisition this attractive. The quality of the infrastructure here is absolutely perfect. It’s first class. It’s brand new. You couldn’t create this today with less than \$700 million. It would take you years, probably a decade.”⁵

If anything, I’m more astounded than he is. My analysis reveals that West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) made the deal of the century when it acquired this property.

Better yet, the multi-million ounce potential for the Madsen Mine means the mine could in time become a major operation. For now, look out: the mine is being put back into production in 2025 and a mine producing gold should be worth a lot more than one still spending money to get ready to produce.

The market understands this re-rate...and the sky could be the limit for the new valuation when you layer in today’s strong gold market.

The Company is Locked on to the Best Mining Targets, Which Are Expected to Deliver High Grades to the Mill When It Resumes Mining

As I mentioned above, one of the things that brought Pure Gold to grief and sent it into bankruptcy was that, while it spent \$250 million building out and exploring the Madsen site, it didn’t spend near enough time or money ensuring it knew exactly where the gold could be found.

After all, just because you know there’s gold in the ground doesn’t mean you know where it is precisely enough to mine it efficiently enough to justify the effort. And if your mine plan assumes your ore is going to average 8.5 grams per metric ton, you darn well better not be mining in places that come in at half that.

Unfortunately, Pure Gold’s team didn’t really grasp this point and paid a heavy price as a result.

But their loss could be your gain because mining expertise is West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) strong point.

⁵ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IJUcunmq1w&t=23s>

As I mentioned, the company is run by a team of experienced miners and mining engineers who know how hard it is to bring in a profitable gold mine — and have done so time and time again.

As a result, that team is pulling out all the stops to accurately home in on the highest grade gold targets so that when it resumes mining in 2025 it will be pulling the richest grades from the ground.

They've spent the last year studying everything Pure Gold learned while working the Madsen Mine... including a careful study of Pure Gold's mistakes.

The team has also been hard at work underground where they're blasting tunnels, doing more drilling and keeping the mine dewatered.

This underground drilling includes an extensive *infill* drilling program (meaning it's drilling between existing drill holes) to develop detailed and confident understanding of the size and quality of the deposit.

This helps the company identify the best mining targets. In general, accurate understanding of where the gold exists is fundamental to an efficient and profitable mine.

I've heard this kind of intense definition drilling described as "like using a magnifying glass to find hidden treasures in the earth."⁶ I rather like that description.

The company has already completed over 26 miles of drilling in infill holes and is continuing to drill more

Better yet, the drills have already extended known high-grade zones and intercepted new gold zones that aren't included in its current 1.7 million ounce resource estimate. The team is also testing new targets, geologically related to the gold at Madsen but hundreds of feet away, as they work to uncover new discoveries. Continued drilling, both near the known gold and on new high-potential targets, could in time amplify the resource count at Madsen.

Drilling to really understand the known deposit will not stop. The team is currently focused on the areas it plans to mine in the first two years of operation. Once that work is done, they will shift to the targets for the following years, always drilling to ensure they know where to mine to get the gold.

This is critical to avoiding the costly low grade ore problem that plagued Pure Gold.

To further reduce risk, the company is also "test mining" — mining certain areas on a small scale to assess the work they've done estimating the gold grade and to know *before* mining full scale the very best mining methods to use in the different parts of the mine. Test mining will generate invaluable data that will improve West Red Lake's operation once it restarts this mine.

I'm impressed with this approach and how rapidly the company is moving towards high

⁶ <https://storables.com/garden/what-is-infill-drilling-in-mining/>

grade production. It's the kind of thing that almost never comes along, which is why it's well worth considering for your portfolio.

The Infrastructure and Permitting West Red Lake Mines Needs is Already in Place

Whenever a new natural resource is discovered, it can take more than a decade just to get the necessary infrastructure in place to make the project happen.

This dramatically slows down the move from exploration to production. Worse yet, over the course of those years any number of things can go wrong.

Companies often have to put in hundreds of miles of roads and power lines. And if the area is new to natural resource development they have to scramble to find skilled labor.

In many places, companies also have to deal with unreasonable and often corrupt government officials... absurd and costly regulations that can add years to mine development... or political and economic instability that can make keeping the operation going a real challenge

Fortunately, the Red Lake Region where the Madsen Mine is located has been home to mining for close to 150 years⁷ — and has yielded more than 30 million ounces of gold.

Better yet, it's located in Canada, one of the most mining-friendly countries on the planet.

Not only is Canada politically and economically stable, but it's also a close ally of the United States, thus will never be subject to embargoes or sanctions that can cripple the economy or the mining industry.

Because of all this you couldn't ask for a better place to mine gold.

However, most importantly for West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG), extensive infrastructure is already in place in the region. This includes...

- Paved roads for all-season access
- Power lines and a connection to the provincial grid
- Plenty of fresh water

Furthermore, the area is teeming with an experienced work force and a local community that supports mining.

Plus, all the permits are already in place — including operation of the mill, discharge of treated tailings to the existing tailing's facility, dewatering via the existing shaft, and a mine closure plan.

⁷ <https://www.redlakemuseum.com/historic-red-lake-mining.html>

Having the infrastructure in place — and dealing with a mining-friendly government — allows West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) to move more quickly at developing its resources. What would take another company years to put in place and cost a fortune is already in place and at West Red Lake's disposal.

Better yet, it will save the company many millions of dollars that it can devote to production and further exploration.

All this helps explain how the company can restart the mine in 2025. And it's just one more reason to consider adding West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) to your portfolio.

An Impressive Team of Management and Mining Professionals With the Experience and Expertise to Lead the Company Into the Future

One of the most important keys to success for any company is the wisdom and experience of its management team. It may not be as exciting a factor as a breakthrough new technology or a massive gold discovery, but it's an essential component for any company, especially those in their early stages such as West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG).

However, perhaps even more important when it comes to a gold mining company is the expertise of its engineering team. These are the people in charge of building, maintaining and expanding the mines, while also identifying the best places to do the actual mining.

Developing the necessary expertise takes years of experience working for mining companies and helping to build multiple mines.

This is why whenever I recommend a mining company I do a deep dive on both its management and engineering team as part of my research.

I want to be certain that they have what it takes to make the company massively successful so that investors in the company can enjoy the largest possible potential returns.

The good news is, West Red Lake Gold Mines has the experienced management and technical teams Lee Bellinger is looking for. Take a look ...

- **Frank Giustra, Company Advisor:** Frank is a billionaire who is considered one of the top five most successful mining entrepreneurs in Canadian history.

Among other things, he helped transform Wheaton River Minerals — a company he bought when gold was selling for a mere \$300 an ounce — from a tiny entity into a \$2.4 billion industry giant.

Wheaton soon merged with Goldcorp to create one of the largest gold producers in the world.

Working with upstart financial firms such as Yorkton Securities and Endeavour Financial, Frank also helped raise billions of dollars for mining companies in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Along the way he also founded and served as chairman of Lions Gate Entertainment, the billion dollar entertainment giant best known for distributing *The Hunger Games* movies

Frank currently serves as CEO of the Fiore group, which manages private equity investments and companies in a variety of sectors, including natural resources.

In 2021, Frank's analysis revealed that precious metals were poised for a dramatic comeback and he returned to his roots to look for potentially lucrative new opportunities in mining. West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) is the result.

- **Shane Williams, B. Eng. M. Sc, CEO, President & Director:** When Frank Giustra decided to return to the mining business, he knew he needed a strong leader for West Red Lake Gold. He found one in Shane Williams, a mining engineer and executive with 25 years' experience building mines around the world. Williams is a rarity — a seasoned mining engineer who is also a strong leader with a sharp business brain.

Prior to joining West Red Lake Gold Mines, Shane was the Chief Operating Officer for Skeena Resources where he was involved in advancing the past producing Eskay Creek Gold project in British Colombia towards a restart.

From 2013-2019, Shane was Vice President of Operations and Capital Projects at Eldorado Gold. Under his leadership the Lamaque Gold project in Quebec was brought from Preliminary Economic Assessment to commercial operation in just 18 months.

He has also served as Project Director for Eldorado Gold's assets in Greece. In Greece, he was responsible for the development of both the Skouries and Olympias projects, overseeing an investment of more than \$1 billion.

- **Will Robinson, P. Geo, Vice President, Exploration:** Will is an exploration and mining professional with 19 years of industry experience, primarily in precious metals.

He was most recently Exploration Manager for Coeur Mining, Inc. where he focused on sourcing and evaluating new gold and silver opportunities for the company's project pipeline. He also provided technical support and leadership to mine site exploration teams at the company's Kensington Mine in Alaska, Silvertip Mine in British Columbia and Rochester Mine in Nevada

Additionally, he was part of the team that discovered the Manh Choh gold-silver deposit in Alaska that's being developed by Kinross Gold and Contango Ore.

- **Maurice Mostert, P.Eng, Vice President, Technical Services:** Maurice is a seasoned mining engineer with more than 20 years of experience in consulting, business leadership and underground mining.

He started his career with South African mining giant Gold Fields in the ultra-deep goldmines of the Witwatersrand in South Africa. In South Africa, he also worked for SRK Consulting — a company that provides technical consulting services to natural resource companies.

More recently he was the Western Canada Area Manager for Mining Plus Canada Consulting Ltd. — which provides technical services and consulting to mining companies.

As an independent consultant, he's also worked with an array of mining companies globally, most recently supporting the underground operations for Evolution Mining at its Red Lake Complex, not far from West Red Lake Gold Mines' Madsen Mine.

- **Anthony Makuch, B.Sc, P. Eng, Director:** Anthony is currently President and CEO of Discovery Silver where he oversees advancing the Cordero Project in Mexico — one of the world's largest undeveloped silver projects — back into production.

Before Discovery he enjoyed a successful five-year tenure as CEO of Kirkland Lake Gold where he led the transformation of the company as annual gold production more than quadrupled, soaring from 315,000 ounces a year to more than 1.4 million ounces. His tenure culminated in Kirkland's merger with Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in 2022.

Prior to joining Kirkland, Mr. Makuch was President and CEO at Lake Shore Gold Inc., from 2008 until its acquisition by Tahoe Resources Inc. in 2016, where he became the President of Canadian Operations.

- **Duncan Middlemiss, Director:** Duncan was President and CEO of Wesdome Gold Mines from 2016 to 2023. Prior to that, he served as President and CEO of St. Andrew Goldfields Ltd. until its acquisition by Kirkland Lake Gold.

He's also the former Chief Mine Engineer at Barrick Gold Corp., President and CEO of St. Andrew Goldfields Ltd. and Manager of Engineering & Production at both Kirkland Lake Gold and Macassa Gold Mines.

The Golden Runway: Strong Mining Targets in a Strong Gold Market Make a Compelling Investment Case

That's a pretty good review of all the reasons why I'm optimistic about West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) and why I'm now recommending that investors conduct further research into the company.

However, I think it's important to do so sooner rather than later for the simple reason that as the company gets closer to resuming production in 2025, it's likely more and more investors will pay attention. I expect companies to be rewarded in the market for producing gold into today's strong gold environment.

You see, when a mine is under development, it's pretty much a money pit because it's not generating any revenue.

Meanwhile, all the drilling, engineering, permitting, feasibility studies and so forth are a massive drain on the company's finances.

All this scares off many investors and depresses the company's stock price.

But the moment the mine begins moving towards production — the “golden runway,” as it’s called — investor interest begins picking up and the stock price can begin moving upwards.

And once production starts, look out, that’s when some remarkable profits can be made.

As production nears the market often steadily values the company’s assets at a higher level, promoting more investors — and big money institutions that only invest in revenue-generating companies — to take notice. It can drive the stock price upwards by double or even triple digits.

For example...Artemis Gold (ARGTF) is up 210% since July 2023 because the company is nearing first gold at its huge new Blackwater mine in British Columbia, Canada.

Mako Mining gained 147% in the last year as it successfully put its San Albino gold mine in Nicaragua into production.

Atlantic Gold rose 935% in three years as it built a gold mine in Nova Scotia (with such success that it attracted a takeout from Australian miner St Barbara).

After getting its Las Chispas mine in Mexico built and into production, SilverCrest Metals — which was just \$1.90 in late 2019 — was recently bought in a deal that valued its shares at \$11.34, for a 496% gain.

All this helps explain why Red Cloud Securities, a global mining investment bank, recently issued a buy signal for West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG).

And why Raymond James, a multinational investment bank, predicts that the company will “outperform.”

A Perfect Storm is Making Gold and Gold Stocks Great Again

Meanwhile, as West Red Lake Gold Mines moves closer to putting the Madsen Mine back into production — something that should happen within the next six months — the global economic situation is rapidly deteriorating.

Inflation fears... economic uncertainty... and an increasing number of geopolitical crises are creating a perfect storm that could drive West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) stock even higher.

That’s because more and investors will be looking to gold and gold mining stocks to protect and grow their portfolios as all this unfolds.

Furthermore, the higher the gold price, the more valuable the Madsen Mine’s resource could become.

Which brings me to the economic forces that are driving gold prices higher and could drive up the value of West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) resources and its stock price as well.

Let's get started with...

Gold Boom Driver #1: Soaring Federal Deficits and a \$35 Trillion National Debt Have Locked in the Destruction of the Dollar

As you know, inflation — which was a mere 1.4% when President Biden took office in 2020 — soared to a 40-year high of 9% in June 2022.⁸

And while it has since dropped to 2.9% — it's still more than twice what it was in January 2020.⁹

Bizarrely, even though prices have increased more than 19% since Biden took office, both he and Kamala Harris have taken credit for bringing inflation down... acting as if Trump has been President the last four years.

They're apparently not quite as worried about "misinformation" as they claim.

Of course, the Biden Administration and its mass media sycophants blame inflation on corporate greed (which apparently didn't exist during the Trump years when inflation averaged 1.9% a year).

However, the real villain is the Federal Reserve's massive expansion of the money supply, which reduces the value of the dollar and drives up your cost of living.

In any case, as you can see from the chart — which comes directly from the Federal Reserve — the M2 money supply exploded by nearly 50% between 2019 and 2022 — going from \$15 trillion to \$21.7 trillion.

I can't say it any better than Kevin O'Leary of *Shark Tank* fame, "You printed \$7 trillion in 30 months. What the hell did you think would happen? Of course there's going to be inflation."

Meanwhile, the reason inflation is now cooling is because the Fed increased interest rates and put the brakes on money supply growth.

In fact, interest rates rose to a 23-year high of 5.25% to 5.5% in July 2023, and have been high ever since.

However, this respite in inflation is only temporary simply because at some point the Fed will be forced to start printing money again so the government can pay its bills —including the trillions of dollars in new spending put in place by the Biden Administration

The Fed also fears a recession — and there's nothing like slashing interest rates and firing up the monetary printing presses to give the economy a little temporary boost.

⁸ <https://www.investopedia.com/us-inflation-rate-by-president-8546447>

⁹ <https://www.factcheck.org/2024/07/bidens-numbers-july-2024-update/>

Yet, just as a wild night on the town brings the inevitable hangover, artificially stimulating the economy eventually brings on inflation, economic crisis and other headaches.

However, there's more to the story that makes the future picture look even worse.

Federal Spending Has Doubled Over the Last 10 Years and the Deficit Has More Than Tripled

A much bigger problem is the money that will eventually have to be created to deal with out of control Federal spending.

In the 2024 fiscal year, federal spending will hit an astonishing \$6.5 trillion — nearly twice what it was just 10 years ago.

Over the same time period, the U.S. population has only grown about 6%.¹⁰

Just as astonishing, the federal government's budget deficit has more than tripled from \$483 billion in 2014 to \$1.9 trillion today.

In other words, the politicians are just piling debt upon debt — with zero regard for what that means for the future.

As a result, the national debt has more than doubled since the end of 2014, soaring from \$17.64 trillion to \$35.3 trillion.

Worse yet, the debt is growing by about \$1 trillion every 100 days and is projected to soar to more than \$50 trillion by 2033.

The Federal Government Pays Nearly \$1 Trillion a Year in Interest Alone

To add insult to injury, interest on the national debt exploded to a record \$1.2 trillion in 2024¹¹ — more than \$3 billion a day.

That's more than we spend on national defense and about two-thirds what is spent on Social Security.

Over the next decade, the government will spend an estimated \$12.4 trillion on interest alone.¹²

The situation has grown so bad that prominent business leaders are finally speaking out, warning The debt is rising so fast that business leaders are now warning that something needs to be done to stem the rising tide of red ink.

One of the most outspoken is Brian Moynihan, the CEO of Bank of America. According to

¹⁰ According to Bing Copilot: 322 million to 341.8 million

¹¹ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/a-record-12-trillion-interest-payments-are-blowing-up-the-federal-budget/ar-AA1qxiKn>

¹² <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/interest-payments-on-the-national-debt-are-exploding/ar-BB11K0Ie>

Moynihan, it's critical that Washington puts the budget on a sustainable path.

And Moynihan isn't alone.

JPMorgan CEO: We're "Driving Full Speed Toward a Cliff"

Billionaire investor Leon Cooperman, CEO of Omega Family Office, warns that "We're heading to a potential financial crisis as a result of the enormous buildup of debt in this country."¹³

Jamie Damon, CEO of JPMorgan Chase, echoes Cooperman's concerns, calling soaring deficits the equivalent of driving full speed toward a cliff with your foot on the accelerator.¹⁴

Worse yet, nobody's willing to do anything about it because it will require across-the-board budget cuts that are unpopular to say the least, especially when it comes to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and defense spending.

Bottom line: The spending train can't be stopped without a political revolution that nobody but the most extreme libertarians are suggesting.

How Federal Spending Could Explode Even Higher

All of this red ink has to be financed through the sale of Treasuries. They're purchased by central banks, individual investors and, believe it or not, the Fed itself.

Except that while banks and investors have to put up actual cash money from their own reserves to buy those Treasuries... the Fed can just print up what it needs and buy whatever bonds the government can't sell.

Yes, they really do this.

Buying Treasuries is also how the Fed provides freshly-created money to artificially stimulate the economy.

Of course, there's no such thing as a free lunch, so every such stimulus causes distortions in the market and eventually leads to price inflation simply because more dollars are in circulation, thus reducing the value of every existing dollar.

And my biggest fear is that it will ultimately lead to the complete destruction of the dollar.

The Fed has been using this little trick for 111 years now which is why it now takes \$31 to buy what \$1 bought in 1913, the year the Fed was founded.

In any case, we've now reached the point where the federal government seems poised to have a difficult time selling all the Treasuries needed to finance the explosion in government

¹³ <https://www.foxbusiness.com/media/billionaire-investor-issues-dire-warning-over-crisis-leadership-very-serious-issues-plague-us>

¹⁴ <https://fortune.com/2024/01/29/jamie-dimon-government-debt-crisis-market-rebellion/>

spending.

The big question is, what happens when the U.S. can no longer sell enough Treasuries to finance the debt?

And the answer is, the Fed will have to fire up the printing presses and keep them running 24/7 to buy up whatever Treasuries the government can't sell.

Not literally, of course. Instead the Fed just credits the government's bank account with newly created electronic money for the politicians to spend.

This is how increased government spending leads to price inflation — especially when tax revenue can't come close to paying all the bills.

And when this situation really gets out of hand, the result will be double digit inflation at best... hyperinflation and the destruction of the dollar at worst.

Worse yet, the government is already talking about it.

For example, in a rare moment of candor that he probably regrets, Jared Bernstein, the Chairman of President Biden's Council of Economic Advisers, recently said, "The U.S. government can't go bankrupt because we can print our own money."¹⁵

That's the very attitude that unleashed hyperinflation in post WWI Germany when the government printed Marks by the truckload to pay its war debts — a devastating crisis that also helped set the stage for the rise of Adolf Hitler.

Two costly debacles for the price of one.

Bottom line: One day soon, you might see 4% or 5% inflation as a welcome alternative to what's coming.

Is the Jig Nearly Up for the U.S. Government?

And this scenario isn't just conjecture. There are already troubling indicators that the government is going to have trouble selling its debt which could bring on the dollar's destruction that much faster.

For starters, central banks and overseas investors are already buying fewer Treasuries than they used to — with the numbers dropping from 43% to 30% over the last 10 years.¹⁶

Worse yet, according to a recent report in *Business Insider*, recent Treasury auctions have "suffered from weak investor demand."¹⁷

¹⁵ <https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/white-house-economic-adviser-struggles-with-question-on-monetary-policy>

¹⁶ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/markets/interest-payments-on-the-national-debt-are-exploding/ar-BB11K0Ie>

¹⁷ <https://markets.businessinsider.com/news/bonds/treasury-bond-crash-auctions-buyers-demand-yields-us-debt-deficits-2023-10>

According to research presented at the Kansas City Fed's annual research conference, one of the problems is that Treasuries have lost some of their shine. They're no longer seen as the 100% safe bet they once were.¹⁸

In fact, they're now considered on par with debt issued by Germany, Britain, France and even big corporations.¹⁹

It doesn't help that Moody's recently reduced its outlook on the U.S. government's credit rating from "stable" to "negative" — blaming massive federal deficits and rising interest rates.²⁰

***Wall Street Journal*: "The National Debt Crisis is Coming,"**

In an article headlined, "The National Debt Crisis is Coming," the *Wall Street Journal* warns, "Continuing on our current fiscal course will mean a gradual loss of America's financial independence followed by an abrupt economic decline. The U.S. will have to ask the rest of the world to finance its debt, and it's reckless to assume that other nations will do so indefinitely."²¹

And an unforeseen shock could be all it takes to turn the whole thing upside down.

Bottom line, as the *Journal* puts it, "We're backing ourselves into a fiscal corner."²²

As usual, Elon Musk is more blunt, saying "We need to do something about our national debt or the dollar will be worth nothing."

Worse yet, nobody is serious about putting a stop to any of it, so the national debt just continues to soar higher day after day.

In any case, whether inflation lingers around 3% or soars into the double digits, it could be good news for West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG).

That's because rising inflation usually leads to rising gold prices... which could increase the value of the company's gold holdings and bring it potentially greater profits.

Gold Boom Driver #2: The Dollar is Gradually Losing its Reserve Currency Status... Thus Speeding Up its Collapse

The dollar has been the world's reserve currency since 1944, when it replaced the British pound sterling, which had reigned for 150 years.

This status makes the dollar the currency used in most of the world's international

¹⁸ <https://www.reuters.com/markets/rates-bonds/us-treasuries-not-safe-bet-they-once-were-research-says-2024-08-23/>

¹⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/markets/rates-bonds/us-treasuries-not-safe-bet-they-once-were-research-says-2024-08-23/>

²⁰ <https://www.reuters.com/markets/us/moodys-changes-outlook-united-states-ratings-negative-2023-11-10/>

²¹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-debt-crisis-is-coming-entitlements-taxation-policy-08e9df9f>

²² <https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-debt-crisis-is-coming-entitlements-taxation-policy-08e9df9f>

transactions — including the global oil trade which does billions of dollars a day.

Having a globally accepted reserve currency makes international trade much easier because everyone is using the same currency.

The U.S. government reaps an additional benefit because reserve currency status increases demand for dollars by foreign nations.

This helps reduce the inflationary impact of printing money hand over fist because it takes so many dollars out of general circulation.

How the U.S. Government Gets Away with “Murdering” its Own Currency

In other words, as long as foreigners want a large number of dollars, the Fed can get away with printing a lot of them.

Reserve currency status also helps provide increased stability for the U.S. financial markets because that’s where investors turn in times of economic uncertainty. And all that capital helps keep the U.S. economy strong.

However, it’s a two-edged sword because that artificial support could just disappear the day the dollar loses its reserve status or even sees its influence dramatically reduced — something that’s already happening.

The “De-Dollarize” Movement Picks Up Steam

You see, a number of countries want to “de-dollarize” and put an end to the dollar’s dominance of global trade... and ultimately even dump the dollar as the world’s reserve currency.

Multiple countries are open to the idea because of their concern over the U.S. using its status to freeze Russian assets following the invasion of Ukraine. Their fear is that the U.S. might act unilaterally in any kind of military or diplomatic dispute with a U.S. ally.

One of the most serious challenges comes from the 10 BRICS nations

The BRICS are threatening to start trading directly with each other without using the dollar at all. This will strengthen their standing at the expense of the U.S.

As you may know, BRICS is an acronym for Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. It’s an economic alliance that came into being in 2006 to act as a counterbalance to the IMF, the World Bank and other institutions dominated by the West.

In recent years, the alliance has expanded to include Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

And according to *Business Insider*, “over 40 West-weary countries are clamoring to join

BRICS.”²³

New Currency to Freeze the Dollar Out

To counter the dominance of the dollar, the BRICS countries are discussing the creation of their own currency for use in trade between each other. This will reduce demand for the dollar and freeze it out of billions of dollars’ worth of transactions.

Remarkably, there’s even talk of backing the new currency with gold which would guarantee its stability and potentially send gold prices higher thanks to increased demand.

If and when the BRICS succeed in creating this alternative reserve currency, it will be a big blow to the dollar’s dominance its reserve currency status.

And it will immediately reduce demand for dollars, which is almost certain to mean an immediate drop in value.

Brazil and China Have Already Ditched the Dollar

Meanwhile, Brazil and China have already reached an agreement to ditch the dollar as an intermediary for trade and financial transactions between the two countries.²⁴

Instead they will use their own currencies — exchanging the Chinese yuan for the Brazilian real and vice versa.

This is an important development seeing as China is the #1 rival to U.S. economic hegemony, while Brazil boasts the largest economy in South America — accounting for more than 50% of the continent’s GDP.²⁵

Worse yet for the dollar, Russia, Saudi Arabia and China are now talking about using the Chinese yuan for oil trades — creating yet another challenge to the dollar’s dominance and further undermining its value.

According to Nigel Green, founder of deVere Group, which manages \$10 billion in assets, “This could have a number of ripple effects throughout the global economy, including hugely increased inflation in the U.S. and potentially destabilising effects on financial markets.”²⁶

Toppling the Dollar Could Be the Economy’s Death Blow

Ultimately, losing reserve currency status could be a death blow for the U.S. economy.

²³ <https://www.businessinsider.com/brics-summit-countries-interested-brazil-russia-india-china-south-africa-2023-8#>

²⁴ <https://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/brazil-china-strike-trade-deal-agreement-ditch-us-dollar>
<https://www.barrons.com/news/china-brazil-strike-deal-to-ditch-dollar-for-trade-8ed4e799>

²⁵ <https://www.riotimesonline.com/brazil-news/brazil/brazil-accounted-for-more-than-50-of-south-american-gdp-in-2021/>

²⁶ <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/shift-away-us-dollar-happening-052445179.html>

According to economist Peter St. Onge of the Mises Institute, when the whole thing comes crashing down...

“Demand dries up, the dollar starts to lose value, and foreigners start to worry their life savings and corporate treasuries are melting. They sell out of the dollar. A little at first, more and more if it accelerates.

“Now that river to foreigners reverses, it flows back into the reservoir. The dollar collapses. 70 years of Fed and Wall Street money printing comes rushing back like a tsunami running up a canyon. We’re talking double-digital inflation, over multiple years, at a minimum.

“If they screw this up, reserve currency status could turn out to be a trap, an absolute catastrophe for the American people.”²⁷

Of course, all this won’t happen overnight. It will begin slowly and then pick up steam... until one day everybody runs for the exit at the same time.

If You’re Not Ready “You Go Down with the Ship”

And you and your fellow Americans will be left holding the bag... and unless you own gold or another asset, as St. Onge points out, “you go down with the ship.”

The price of everything will soar.

But that’s only the beginning because foreign investors won’t only be selling their dollars, they’ll also be dumping stocks, bonds, Treasuries... anything denominated in dollars that can be easily liquidated

This is a bigger deal than you might think because, believe it or not, foreign investors own around 40% of U.S. stocks and a third of corporate bonds. And when they start dumping, look out below... you could see your stock portfolio and your retirement accounts cut in half or worse.

Now frankly, the dollar is unlikely to lose its reserve currency status overnight — and it may be decades before it’s replaced.

However, these “storm clouds on the horizon for the dollar's hegemony²⁸,” as *U.S. News and World Report* puts it, are likely to be extremely positive for gold in the years ahead, as worried investors increasingly add it to their portfolios in order to protect at least some of their money.

West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) could profit nicely from this trend as a rising gold price is likely to increase the value of its reserves and significantly increase demand for gold stocks from worried investors. And that could be good news for investors who buy its undervalued stock now.

²⁷ <https://mises.org/mises-wire/what-if-dollar-falls>

²⁸ <https://money.usnews.com/investing/articles/de-dollarization-what-happens-if-the-dollar-loses-reserve-status>

Gold Boom Driver #3: Geopolitical Uncertainty and War are Engulfing the World... and that Could Send Gold Prices Even Higher

And if all that weren't enough, a multitude of geopolitical hotspots now threaten to erupt into full-scale conflicts. And if one or more of them escalates into a broader conflagration — especially if the US is involved — investors could buy even more gold, thus driving prices higher.

One of the biggest worries for the United States is Red China's well-known designs on Taiwan.

While it's just been a lot of saber rattling up until now, a recent Chinese cyberattack on the U.S. has sent many alarm bells ringing.

Hackers backed by Beijing recently moled their way into key U.S. infrastructure and then went dormant, apparently waiting for the most opportune time to launch their sabotage.

According to Jen Easterly, director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, they managed to burrow their way into aviation, water, energy and transportation infrastructure.²⁹

It's believed they were hoping to sabotage that infrastructure in the during a future crisis.

Most likely they were hoping to create a crippling headache for the U.S. by sabotaging our infrastructure just as they launched their long-threatened invasion of Taiwan.

Fortunately, the hack was discovered and their access removed, but it's a surefire sign that China isn't messing around.

But China is far from the only threat to world peace and prosperity. We're also dealing with:

- **Russia's War on Ukraine: A Conflict with No End in Sight:** As the Russia-Ukraine war grinds on after more than two years, the risk of escalation remains ever-present.

If the conflict spreads to directly involve any of the NATO countries, it could crush the world economy and send investors fleeing to gold en masse.

And this might be more likely than we've been led to believe. After a yearlong-review, the bipartisan Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States — which is focused on evaluating and making recommendations about the country's defense strategies and capabilities — recently concluded that threats from China and Russia" are such that the United States and its Allies and partners must be ready to deter and defeat both adversaries simultaneously."³⁰

²⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/technology/cybersecurity/chinese-hackers-are-targeting-us-infrastructure-fbi-chief-testify-2024-01-31>

³⁰ <https://www.ida.org/-/media/feature/publications/A/Am/Americas%20Strategic%20Posture/Strategic-Posture-Commission-Report.pdf>

- **Middle East Tensions on a Knife's Edge:** Just as dangerous is the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas. The longer it goes on, the greater the potential to draw in other regional powers, and turning the entire Middle East into a battleground.

And as the carnage spreads, you can bet investors will look to gold for a sense of safety and stability.

- **Iran: The Wild Card in Global Geopolitics:** Iran is another flashpoint thanks to its belligerence towards the U.S. and Israel, along with its determined effort to obtain nuclear weapons. If we wind up in a hot war — or even just a proxy war — with Iran, the global oil trade will be massively disrupted... and the Middle East further destabilized.

And once again, gold investors could make out like bandits as demand soars.

These Billionaires are Worried Sick

With all this going on, it's no wonder that billionaire Jamie Dimon, the CEO of JPMorgan Chase — the largest bank in the U.S. — recently said, "This may be the most dangerous time the world has seen in decades."³¹

Billionaire Ray Dalio, founder of Bridgewater Associates, the world's largest hedge fund, sounds even more pessimistic, writing that "the odds of transitioning from the contained conflicts to a more uncontained hot world war that includes the major powers have risen from about 35% to about 50% over the last two years."³²

Regardless of what unfolds geopolitically over the next few years, gold could be a big beneficiary of the uncertainty and fear the world is facing.

As a July 2024 research report from analysts at JPMorgan Chase noted, "Economic and geopolitical uncertainty tend to be positive drivers for gold, due to its safe-haven status and ability to remain a reliable store of value. It has low correlation with other asset classes, so can act as insurance during falling markets and times of geopolitical stress."³³

Of course, if WWII does break out, no amount of gold is going to save you. However, even the most dastardly world leaders — including Vladimir Putin and Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei — know that such a war is in nobody's interest and is more likely to sentence them to Saddam Hussein's fate than to leave them ruling the world.

But as these conflicts drag on — and new conflicts emerge — the fear, uncertainty and tension alone could be enough to support higher gold prices.

And if any of these crises escalate, we could see a rapid surge in gold prices as demand skyrockets.

³¹ <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-67104734.amp>

³² <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/another-step-toward-international-war-ray-dalio/>

³³ <https://www.jpmorgan.com/insights/global-research/commodities/gold-prices>

Gold Boom Driver #4: Central Bank Are Stockpiling Gold... What Do They Know That You Don't

The world's central banks already see the writing on the wall and are buying gold hand over fist.

They're worried about the collapsing dollar, the stability of the financial markets and the growing risk of an economic crisis — and want to diversify their assets to protect themselves in the event of a U.S. economic collapse.

Like many investors, central banks see gold as a solid investment for weathering economic storms.

In 2022 and 2023, central banks added more than 1,000 metric tons to their stockpiles. The biggest buyers were China, Turkey and India.

Record Setting Gold Buying

And central banks have continued buying in 2024, adding another 483 metric tons — the most in history³⁴ — in just the first six months.

The previous record was set a year earlier in the first half of 2023 when they purchased 460 metric tons

The biggest buyers for the first half of 2024 included:

- The National Bank of Poland, 2023's second biggest buyer...
- The Reserve Bank of India, whose gold imports from Peru alone soared 81% to \$1.47 billion in the first half of 2024³⁵
- The Central Bank of Turkey has been a net buyer for 14 consecutive months... and its gold reserves have hit a record high of 589 metric tons.³⁶

Other big buyers include Red China and the Central Bank of Uzbekistan.

And the banks have continued to buy even as gold prices have steadily risen — buying another 37 metric tons in July alone — the most since January's 45 metric tons.

Furthermore, an analysis by the World Gold Council concludes, "We expect central bank demand for gold to continue in the coming months."

Russia Dramatically Steps Up its Gold Buying

³⁴ <https://x.com/KobeissiLetter/status/1830305336365875205>

³⁵ <https://sg.finance.yahoo.com/news/perus-gold-exports-india-set-183642618.html>

³⁶ <https://www.gold.org/goldhub/gold-focus/2024/09/central-bank-gold-statistics-july-2024>

Most recently, demand has erupted from yet another source: The Russian Finance Ministry which announced in early September that it's increasing its gold purchases exponentially.³⁷

It plans to increase its gold spend from 1.12 billion rubles a day (around \$12 million) to \$8.2 billion rubles a day (about \$90 million) for at least a month.

That means buying about \$2.7 billion worth of gold — something that seems likely to send gold prices spiraling upwards.

And that's on top of gold reserves that, as of August, were \$188.8 billion.³⁸

Russia is loading up on gold primarily to protect its financial stability in the face of U.S. sanctions that have frozen nearly half of the country's \$613.7 billion in international reserves.

And it seems likely that other countries concerned about the power and influence of the United States could soon follow suit... something that can only be good for gold prices.

That could be good tidings for investors in gold and select gold stocks.

West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) Is Pushing to Production to Give Shareholders Leverage as Gold Rises

As you've read in this Special Report, out of control government spending... a soaring national debt... rising inflation... ever widening geopolitical crises... and record-setting central bank gold purchases have already driven the gold price to a record level.

And it's poised to go even higher in the months and years ahead.

Combine that with West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG) 1.7 million ounce defined resource and you've got a nice setup for investors to want to own this promising new gold miner.

That's why I urge you to take a close look at the company now, while it's still flying well below the radar and the share price remains low.

It could be a great way for you to benefit amidst rising inflation and a growing economic crisis.

However, it's also important that you follow my buy, sell and hold updates in *Off-Grid Confidential* so you're up to date on my latest recommendations for West Red Lake Gold Mines (OTCQB: WRLGF/TSXV: WRLG).

³⁷ https://www.jpost.com/business-and-innovation/precious-metals/article-818775#google_vignette

³⁸ [https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/money/russia%E2%80%99s-gold-reserves-hit-25-year-high-world-business-watch-wion/vi-AA1qbMad?](https://www.msn.com/en-us/video/money/russia%E2%80%99s-gold-reserves-hit-25-year-high-world-business-watch-wion/vi-AA1qbMad?wion=1)
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