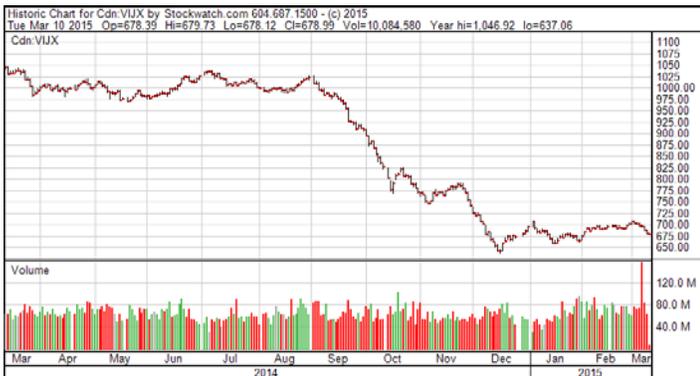


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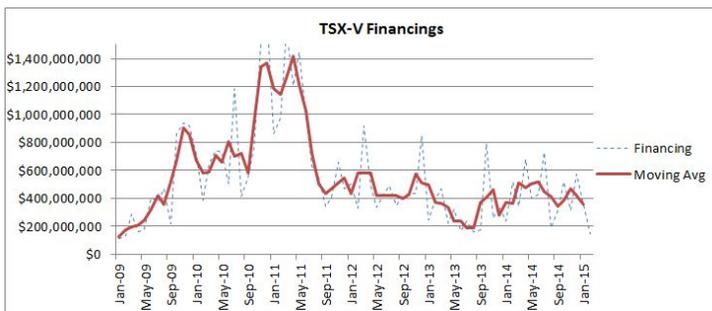
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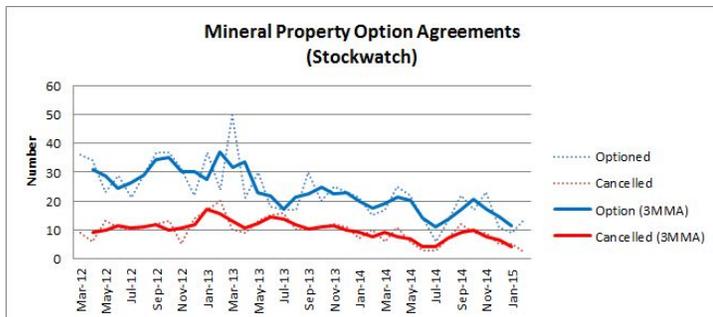
The TSX-V hit an all time low of 637 in December and has barely recovered since then. Interesting to note that volume seems to be increasing as the market declines - what some might call capitulation.



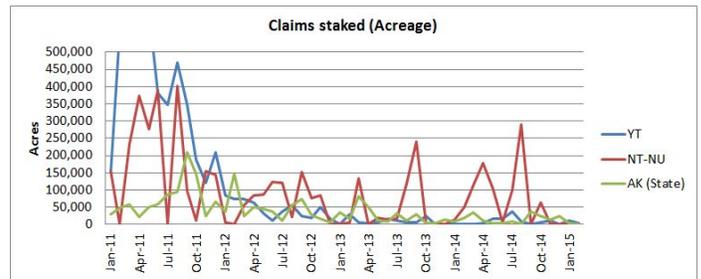
TSX-V financings almost set a record low last month. The only time it's been lower was Dec - Jan 2009.



If you're finding it hard to move properties, you have lots of company. Option activity continues to decline.



Finally - claim staking remains as a standstill with only 62 claims staked in the Yukon last month.



LOCAL EXPLORATION NEWS...

The biggest news this winter is **ROCKHAVEN** coming out with their resource at Klaza: ~1M oz Au in rock running 4.2 g/t Au & 96 g/t Ag. Still lots of room for more too. **KLONDIKE GOLD** closed a financing and plans to run an \$800K program in the Dawson area. **TARSIS RESOURCES** and **ESTRELLA GOLD** plan to merge to form **ALIANZA MINERALS** and will likely leave the Yukon in their rear view mirror for a while. **GOLDSTRIKE** closed a \$1M financing and plans more work at Plateau this summer. Work at **SELWYN CHIHONG's** Howards Pass deposit has reportedly been slowed down amidst a dispute over where to put tailings.

CAPSTONE's expansion remains frozen in regulatory limbo while the Water Board *slowly*, carefully, with all the time in the world reviews the Minto North expansion. The company refuses to make any commitment of capital to Minto until they get a signed water licence. They've put the Yukon on notice about the mine's near term future: "Copper prices are currently at levels where the economics of the Minto mine, without the Minto North deposit, are questionable. The company is evaluating all options for optimizing the cash flows from Minto in the current market climate." During the last quarter, Minto produced copper at \$2.94 / lb whilst spot prices were ~\$2.50. In other happy news, **YUKON ZINC** shut down the Wolverine Mine - likely for good.

Janus-like, governments like to face both ways when it comes to dealing with the mining industry. The current YTG administration shows what happens when taken to an extreme.

To miners, YTG portrays itself as the most stalwart of allies, standing shoulder to shoulder with us in the development of Yukon's mineral resources. Their ardor is vividly on display at Cambridge House, Roundup and PDAC where a small platoon of government staff and senior politicians head south to spread the gospel. Deputy ministers invite all players "of substance" to "one-on-ones" with their political masters and the whole entourage packs their visit with meetings and functions. It's hard work choking down all those canapes and swilling all that wine but they are up to it. If times are tough, they redouble their efforts with "Yukon Pavillions".

To their other constituencies, they present a different face. Stuck in a backroom with angry First Nations wanting to rip up the Quartz and Placer Acts, they're quite willing to ink secret memorandums signing away prospectors rights under law. Greeny bureaucrats in Environment are given free rein to rewrite the mining land use laws through YESAA reviews much to the detriment and annoyance of anyone applying for MLUR permit. YTG sends the in-house B-Team to deal with court challenges to mining laws and when they lose, they are all too willing to then turn the screws on prospectors and junior mining companies under the flag of aboriginal rights.

Managing mis-representation becomes difficult when you do it too often however. Say too many bent truths and eventually you get caught out. The biggest recent whopper was the discovery that YTG had agreed to sell out prospectors to CYFN on the Class I issue *back in 2005*. How many meeting did they attend since then, smiling and telling us how much they supported the mining industry with this in their back pocket?

YTG has managed to hold it together with the acquiescence of big companies with mines or advanced deposits. Our made-in-Yukon mining establishment is all too pliant. For the most part, they could care less about what happens off their particular properties. They're mining or working on Class III or IV permits and don't do grass roots exploration. In the current fracas over Class I, staking bans, Land Use Planning and the Peel, they're quite content to keep very quiet.

YTG's bipolar government is creating a bipolar mining

industry. Mineral investment in the territory is now almost exclusively restricted to advanced projects. The juniors and prospectors have voted with their feet and the clearest indication is staking.



You have to go back to the YPAS days of the early 2000's to find staking activity as low as it is now. Remember that happy time? Now I'll be the first to admit that correlation isn't causation but it seems reasonable to me that withdrawing the whole Peel watershed and most of the south central Yukon from staking and scrapping the old MLUR system probably has something to do with this.

YTG is whistling in the dark, hoping that one of the various low grade deposits on the table will get money to begin production and that our last operating hardrock mine won't shut down before the next election. In the meantime, the damage to the Yukon's mineral exploration industry just piles up.

In days of yore, at least one of our local political parties was "pro-mining". Going into the next Territorial election, voters will be faced with a choice between "benign neglect", "anti-mining" and "really anti-mining" parties. I guess that's what we get for snorting transfer payments and deluding ourselves into thinking we can live without a real economy.

ASSOCIATION NEWS

- General Meetings until the summer break
April 14, 2015
May 11, 2015

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