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### CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

## **INITIATIONS**

**Pinnacle Renewable Energy (TSX:PL).** Desjardins Securities starts coverage with a "buy" rating and a price target of \$13 (Canadian).

**Endeavour Mining (TSX:EDV).** BMO Nesbitt Burns begins coverage with an "outperform" and a target of \$36.

#### Medicenna Therapeutics (TSX:MDNA).

Mackie Research moves the price target to \$4.40 from \$3.30 and maintains a "speculative buy" on this company, which has been a **huge winner in the last year going from penny stock status to a close Wednesday of \$3.69**, as it moves through the process of getting FDA approval for its key cancer treatment.

We featured Mackie research on MDNA in our October 1, 2019 Digest. The stock has surged 171% since then.

Bank of Montreal (TSX:BMO). Scotiabank moves the target to \$110 from \$107.

**Dollarama (TSX:DOL).** Wells Fargo downgrades to "underweight" from overweight and cuts the target to \$37 from \$53.



## **U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS**

**Analog Devices** (NYSE:ADI). Jefferies raises the target to \$146 (U.S.) from \$134, following better-than-expected Q1 results and its 2020 growth outlook.

**Dish Network** (NASDAQ:DISH). RBC raises the target to \$39 from \$33, citing Q4 results which beat market estimates combined with a strong subscriber growth trend.

**Synopsis** (NASDAQ:SNPS). Keybanc raises the target to \$175 from \$160, following the company's market beating Q1 results.

### **STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE**

**Northview Apartment REIT (TSX:NVU.UN)** is being bought by Starlight Investments and KingSett Capital for about \$4.8 billion (Canadian), including debt, in which Northview unit-holders have the option to receive \$36.25 per trust unit in cash or receive their payment in units in a Canadian high yield multi-residential fund that will be publicly listed on closing.

**E-Trade (NASDAQ:ETFC)** is being bought by **Morgan Stanley (NYSE:MS)** in an all-stock deal for \$13 billion (U.S.).

**L Brands (NYSE:L)** is selling its stake in Victoria's Secret for \$525 million and CEO Les Wexner is stepping down after getting caught up in the Jeffrey Epstein scandal.

**Kirkland Lake Gold (TSX:KL;NYSE:KL)** beat estimates with its quarterly profit and raised its production forecast thanks to strength at its Fosterville mine in Australia and the acquisition of Detour Gold.

**Newmont (TSX:NGT;NYSE:NEM)** beat profit estimates on higher gold prices and production from its acquisition of Goldcorp.

**Cargojet (TSX:CJT)** posted Q4 revenue of \$139.7 million (Canadian), just shy of estimates, and the company's net loss was \$4.5 million compared to a profit of \$6.3 million the year before. Adjusted EBITDA was \$47.2 million, more than 17% higher than the previous year.

**Telus (TSX:T)** will raise as much as \$1.5 billion at \$52 a share in a stock offering led by a number of the larger investment banks. The stock closed at \$53.72.

**Albemarle (NYSE:ALB)** posted profit below estimates and forecast a double digit drop in earnings in 2020 due to weak prices for lithium.

Adesto Technologies (NASDAQ:IOTS). Dialog Semiconductor is buying the company for \$500 million (U.S.), at a 57% premium, to lessen its reliance on Apple as a customer.

**UBS (NYSE:UBS)** has named ING head Ralph Hamer as its new CEO.

**Thomson Reuters (TSX:TRI;NYSE:TRI)** is close to naming former Neilsen Holdings head Steve Tasker as its new CEO.

#### **MARKETS**

**S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures** are back posting to a lower opening.

### CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is down 0.2% at \$0.7547 (U.S.).

## **COMMODITIES DAILY UPDATE**

West Texas Intermediate is higher again this time by 1.3% to \$54.17 a barrel.

**Gold** is up 0.4% to \$1,619.10 an ounce.

#### DAILY UPDATE

Our latest interview is with <u>Keith Barron</u>, Chairman and CEO of Aurania Resources (TSXV:ARU), who is looking to replicate his \$1 billion Fruta del Norte gold discovery in Ecuador. And we have a conversation with <u>Kiril Mugerman</u>, CEO of Kintavar Exploration (TSXV:KTR), proving out its copper project in Quebec to attract a major partner.

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