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CANADIAN ANALYSTS' CALLS

INITIATIONS

Marathon Gold (TSX:MOZ). Beacon Securities starts coverage with a "buy" rating and price target of \$2.50 (Canadian), implying 81% upside, saying the company is an emerging junior gold producer with the "robust" Valentine mine in Newfoundland.

Beacon has not conducted investment banking with MOZ within the past 12 months.

GFL Environmental (TSX:GFL). National Bank begins coverage with an "outperform" and a target of \$30.

Kinross Gold (TSX:K;NYSE:KGC). In a broad look at the gold sector and gold miners, Canaccord Genuity has raised the targets on a number of companies including calling Kinross a "buy" and a "top pick" with the target boosted to \$11 from \$9.25.

Yamana Gold (TSX:YRI). Eight Capital lifts the target to \$7 from \$6.50 after the company said it would decrease its exposure to **Equinox Gold** (**TSX:EQX**).

Advantage Oil & Gas (TSX:AAV).

Raymond James upgrades to "outperform" and hikes the target to \$2.50 from \$2, while RBC raises the target to \$2 from \$1.50 and maintains "sector perform" after the company sold a 12.5% stake in the Glacier Gas Plant for \$100 million in cash.



U.S. ANALYSTS' CALLS

Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA) raised to "outperform" at BMO Capital.

Coty (NYSE:COTY). Jefferies raises the target to \$5.50 (U.S.) from \$4 expecting consumer sales to remain positive.

STOCKS THAT MAY MOVE

Sierra Wireless (TSX:SW;NASDAQ:SWIR)
The company said Samuel Cochrane has been appointed CFO. He's a former VP of Motorola

Solutions and was CFO of Avigilon, which was bought by Motorola in 2018.

Eldorado Gold (TSX:ELD) will restart operations at its Lamaque mine, starting Wednesday, after the Quebec government confirmed that mines in the province are allowed to resume operations.

West Fraser Timber (TSX:WFT) has adopted a shareholders rights plan after B.C. billionaire Jim Pattison raised his stake in the lumber producer to nearly 14% from about 12%.

Johnson & Johnson (NYSE:JNJ) is higher in premarket trading as it beat estimates with its quarterly profit, cut its financial forecasts and raised its quarterly dividend by more than 6%.

Roku (NASDAQ:ROKU) is up 12% pre-market as it beat estimates with its revenue number and its revenue forecast is higher than expected and the company said viewers streamed 49% more hours of content on its platform than last year. But ROKU is withdrawing its financial forecast.

JP Morgan (NYSE:JPM) said quarterly profit dropped by more than two-thirds from last year as it sharply increased loan loss provisions as the bank anticipated loan defaults due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Wells Fargo (NYSE:WFC) also saw profit fall sharply on higher loan loss provisions brought on by the pandemic.

Walt Disney Co. (NYSE:DIS) has arranged an unsecured credit agreement worth \$5 billion.

Anheuser-Busch InBev (NYSE:BUD) has proposed to halve its dividend and postponed its annual general meeting until June 3, which means the final 2019 dividend will be pushed forward to June 11 instead of early May.

Exxon Mobil (NYSE:XOM) has raised \$9.5 billion through five different bonds with durations between five and 31 years.

Chesapeake Energy (NYSE:CHK). Desperate times for this company as pipeline operator Glass Mountain is suing it for nearly \$49 million for allegedly breaching their contract.

CHK shareholders have also approved a reverse share split of one for every 200 to avoid de-listing on the New York Stock Exchange, which will bring the outstanding share count down to just less than 10 million from nearly two billion.

MARKETS

S&P/TSX and U.S. equity futures are higher as earnings season kicks off and various countries and U.S. states make tentative plans to gradually re-open their economies.

In economic data, the drop in China's exports and imports eased in March as many factories resumed production.

CURRENCIES

The Canadian dollar is flat at 0.7190 (U.S.)

COMMODITIES

West Texas Intermediate... is down nearly 5% to \$21.30 a barrel as demand concerns overwhelm the announced OPEC+ cuts.

Gold is up at \$1,769.30 an ounce,

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