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>> Andrew: HELLO, THERE.
WELCOME TO "COMMODITIES."
LET'S CHECK OUT THE ENERGY
COMPLEX AS USUAL.
THERE ARE CROSS-CURRENTS IN
THE OIL MARKET.
OIL, THOUGH, HOLDING ABOVE
$70.
THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY
AGENCY WHICH LIKE SO MANY
OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAS
TROUBLE PREDICTING WHERE OIL
PRICES ARE GOING TO GO.
HAS MADE A SLIGHT UPWARD
CHANGE TO ITS DEMAND FORECAST
FOR NEXT YEAR, BUT ACCORDING
TO REUTERS, STILL EXPECTS THE
OIL MARKET TO BE WELL
SUPPLIED.
AND REMEMBER, YESTERDAY OPEC
BROUGHT DOWN ITS DEMAND
GROWTH FORECAST FOR THIS YEAR
FOR A FIFTH STRAIGHT MONTH.
>>> GLOBAL OIL INVENTORIES
DID DROP, THOUGH, BY ALMOST
40 MILLION BARRELS IN
OCTOBER.
A LOT OF THAT, THOUGH, HAD TO
DO WITH LOW REFINERY ACTIVITY
WHICH COINCIDED WITH A RISE
IN GLOBAL OIL DEMAND.
THERE ARE STILL HOMES THAT
THE FED WILL CUT INTEREST
RATES NEXT MONTH AND OF
COURSE THAT IS SEEN AS A
POTENTIAL ECONOMIC BOOST AND
A FACTOR THAT'S LIKELY TO
INCREASE OIL CONSUMPTION.
OF COURSE AMERICA STILL THE
WORLD'S BIGGEST OIL CONSUMER
BUT NOT THE BIGGEST WORLD OIL
IMPORTER ANYMORE BECAUSE THE
CHINESE HAVE TAKEN UP THAT
MANTEL.
AMERICA PUMPS SO MUCH OF ITS
OWN CRUDE.
IN THE LATEST WEEK, THOUGH,
GASOLINE AND DISTILLATE
INVENTORIES IN THE U.S. WERE
UP BY MORE THAN HAD BEEN
EXPECTED AND THAT'S ACCORDING
TO THE ENERGY INFORMATION
ADMINISTRATION.
>>> AND LET'S MOVE ON NOW AND
HAVE A QUICK LOOK AT THE

METAL MARKETS, IN PARTICULAR
GOLD.
SO YOU CAN SEE GOLD NEAR
RECORD HIGHS.
NO PROBLEM WITH THE
PROFITABILITY OF EFFICIENT
GOLD MINES THESE DAYS.
AND GOLD HAS ACTUALLY BEEN
TRADING NEAR FIVE WEEK HIGHS
BUT YOU CAN SEE IT'S LOSING A
LITTLE BIT OF LOSING A BIT OF
ALTITUDE TODAY, STILL NORTH,
THOUGH, OF THAT 2700 MARK.
SO GOLD HAS BEEN MOVING UP.
FIVE WEEK HIGH, NOT BAD FOR
THE GOLD BULLS.
>>> LET'S HAVE A QUICK LOOK
AT COPPER PRICES NOW OVER THE
PAST YEAR BECAUSE NOW THAT
THE LATEST FROM CHINA IS THAT
THEY MAY NOT BE THAT KEEN TO
GO AHEAD WITH MASSIVE
STIMULUS OR AT LEAST IT MAY
NOT BE TO THE EXTENT THAT THE
GOLD BULLS HAD HOPED BUT
REMEMBER WE TOLD YOU
YESTERDAY NOVEMBER COPPER
IMPORTS IN CHINA TOUCHED
THEIR HIGHEST IN ONE YEAR.
>>> RIGHT.
SO HERE IS AN INCREDIBLE
STORY WITH LOTS OF POLITICAL
AND ECONOMIC RAMIFICATIONS.
BLOOMBERG SAYS CANADA IS
WEIGHING AS A LAST RESORT THE
USE OF EXPORT TAXES ON MAJOR
COMMODITIES THAT WE SELL TO
THE U.S. IF PRESIDENT-ELECT
DONALD TRUMP GOES AHEAD WITH
HIS THREAT TO SLAP TARIFFS ON
CANADIAN GOODS.
ACCORDING BLOOMBERG, CANADA
COULD LOOK AT PUTTING EXPORT
DUTIES ON URANIUM, OIL AND
POTASH.
THERE IS ALSO SPECULATION
THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
MAY PROPOSE GIVING ITSELF
EXPANDED POWERS OVER EXPORT
CONTROLS.
BLOOMBERG'S BRIAN PLATT BROKE
THAT STORY.
HE IS GOING TO JOIN US IN
ABOUT 20 MINUTES.
>>> LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT
SHARES IN IMPERIAL OIL THAT

CAME UNDER PRESSURE.
THE OILSANDS GIANT PROVIDED A FORECAST FOR 2025 CAPITAL SPENDING.
THAT'S HIGHER THAN THE ANALYSTS HAD EXPECTED.
THE COMPANY EXPECTS TO SHELL OUT ABOUT 2.1 OR AS MUCH AS $2.1 BILLION ON CAPITAL PROJECTS NEXT YEAR.
IT'S PART OF AN AGGRESSIVE PLAN BY IMPERIAL'S PARENT COMPANY EXXON MOBIL TO INCREASE CAPITAL SPENDING AND PRODUCTION BY 25% BY 2030.
>>> SUNCOR ENERGY PLANS TO INCREASE OIL OUTPUT NEXT YEAR BY UP TO 5% AS WELL AS CUT COSTS FROM ITS OILSANDS ASSETS.
THE ENERGY GIANT SAYS IT WILL INCREASE TOTAL OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION TO AS MUCH AS 840,000 BARRELS A DAY NEXT YEAR.
THE COMPANY ALSO LOWERED ITS CAPITAL SPENDING BUDGET FOR 2025.
>>> LET'S TALK COPPER.
McEWEN MINING HAS SECURED AN ENVIRONMENTAL PERMIT FOR ITS LOS AZIELAS COPPER PROJECT IN ARGENTINA.
NOW THIS MAN IS EXPECTED WHEN?
& IF IT'S BUILT TO PRODUCE NEARLY 300 MILLION POUNDS OF COPPER A YEAR OVER ALMOST THREE DECADES.
WE ARE JOINED BY ROBERT MCKEOWN CHAIRMAN AND CHIEF OWEN OF McEWEN MINING.
ROB, IT'S AGES SINCE WE TALKED TO YOU.
THANKS VERY MUCH FOR COMING ON THE SHOW.
>> PLEASURE TO BE ON, ANDREW, THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION.
>> Andrew: THERE IS A LOT OF BUZZ ABOUT THIS MINE.
WHY DO YOU THINK INVESTORS SHOULD BE EXCITED?
>> WELL, THERE IS SEVERAL REASONS.
ONE IT'S A VERY LARGE PROJECT.

IT'S THE EIGHTH LARGEST
UNDEVELOPED COPPER DEPOSIT IN
THE WORLD.
WHEN IT GOES INTO PRODUCTION
IT WOULD BE ABOUT -- IT WOULD
RANK IN THE TOP 15 MINES BY
ANNUAL PRODUCTION.
PROJECTED COSTS AT THIS POINT
ARE 1.02 A POUND.
SO WITH COPPER AT ABOVE $4 A
POUND YOU'D HAVE 75% GROSS
MARGIN THERE.
AS YOU MENTIONED, IT'S A LONG
LIFE ASSET, LOW COST AND
RATHER THAN 300 OR
400 MILLION POUNDS AS A
PROJECTED ANNUAL PRODUCTION
OVER THE LIFE OF THE MINE.
SO BIG.
>>> WE ARE ALSO LOOKING AT
BUILDING THIS MINE IN A WAY
THAT IT COULD BE A MODEL FOR
MINES OF THE FUTURE AND SO
SEVERAL YEARS AGO I BROUGHT
IN AN ARCHITECT WHO IS
CONSIDERED THE STEVE JOBS OF
THE GREEN LIVING BUILDING
SPACE AND SAID TO HIM AND
ASKED HIM TO HELP OUR
MANAGEMENT, OUR CONSULTANTS
AND ENGINEERS TO THINK ABOUT
HOW WE REDEFINE AND TRANSFORM
THE IMAGE OF THE PUBLIC, THE
NEGATIVE IMAGE THE PUBLIC HAS
FOR MINING.
AND SO THIS MINE WOULD -- YPF
IS ONE OF THE LARGEST POWER
COMPANIES IN ARGENTINA AND
THEY WILL BE PROVIDING US
WITH A HUNDRED PER CENT
RENEWABLE SOURCED
ELECTRICITY.
A LARGE PART OF THE OPERATION
WILL BE ELECTRICALLY POWERED.
WE ARE GOING TO A HEAP LEECH
PROCESS.
THERE WON'T BE A TAILINGS DAM
SO THERE IS NOT THAT THREAT
POSSIBLY OF GOING DOWNSTREAM.
AND ACCOMMODATION THAT'S I
THINK QUITE ADVANCED.
BORROWS A LOT OF TECHNOLOGY
OR APPROACH BY THE INCAS TO
CULTIVATE THE MOUNTAINS.
SO YOU HAVE A STRUCTURE IN A
TRANSLUCENT STRUCTURE GROWING

ITS OWN FOOD, TREATING ITS
OWN WATER.
SO VERY SENSITIVE TO THE
ENVIRONMENT.
LESS THAN A QUARTER OF THE
WATER OF A CONVENTIONAL --
COMPARABLE SIZED CONVENTIONAL
MINE EMITTING 1/10 CARBON
DISTURB BEING CARBON NEUTRAL
BY 2038.
>> Andrew:S IT IS A FAIRLY
LOW GRADE MINE, THOUGH.
>> POINT 4 IS THE AVERAGE.
POINT 4% COPPER.
IN THE FIRST 7 TO 10 YEARS WE
WILL BE LOOKING AT MINING .6
TO .7% COPPER SO ON A CAPEX
OF ESTIMATED TO BE
$2.5 BILLION YOU WOULD HAVE A
PAYBACK IN THREE YEARS USING
A 3.75 PER POUND COPPER
PRICE.
>> Andrew: WHAT WERE YOU
SAYING THERE ABOUT THE --
YOU'VE REFERRED TO THE INCAS
OF THEIR TERRACED
AGRICULTURE.
I MISSED IT, THERE IR.
>> INSIDE THIS
TRANSLIEUTENANT ENVELOPE
WHICH WILL BE THE RESIDENCES
FOR THE PEOPLE WORKING AT THE
SITE IT WILL BE TERRACED
ENVISIONED TO HAVE HANGING
GARDENS JUST A VERY
COMFORTABLE, SAFE PLACE TO BE
RESIDING AND ATTRACTIVE WHEN
TRYING TO ATTRACT TALENT TO A
REMOTE SITE IN THE ANDES.
>> Andrew: JUST SO I AM
CLEAR, YOU SET UP THIS
SUBSIDIARY MCKEOWN COPPER TO
GO AHEAD WITH THIS BUT IT'S A
SUBSIDIARY OF McEWEN
MINING.
>> YES, IT IS 46% OWNED BY
MCEWEN MINING.
SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2022 WE
HAVE RAISED PRIVATELY
450 MILLION FOR THE COPPER
ENTERPRISE.
>> Andrew: YOU HAVE SOME
IMPRESSIVE PARTNERS.
YOU GOT STELLANTIS THE
AUTOMAKER IN THERE FOR ABOUT
19%, RIO TINTO 14% AND THEN

YOUR GOOD SELF AT 13% IN --
THIS IS IN MCEWEN COPPER, I
THINK?
>> THAT'S CORRECT.
YES, AND THE CHOICE OF
FINANCE IT SEPARATELY WAS
DRIVEN BY OUR SHARE PRICE
BEING QUITE LOW AT THE TIME
WHEN WE STARTED TO FINANCE
AND I DIDN'T WANT TO DILUTE
MCEWEN SHAREHOLDERS
EXCESSIVELY.
AND MYSELF INCLUDED.
SO WE FUNDED THE COPPER
PROJECT INDEPENDENT OF THE
PARENT AND OUR OWNERSHIP WENT
FROM 100% TO 46% BUT WE ARE
AS I SAID WE ARE ABLE TO
RAISE 450 MILLION IN A
SUBSIDIARY WHICH WE HOPE TO
TAKE PUBLIC ONCE WE HAVE