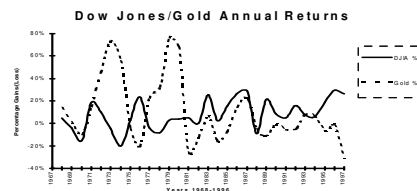




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Aside from the project generator companies, which I favor because of their lower propensity to dilute shareholder interest into oblivion and because of their diverse property holdings, I would like to highlight a couple of my other favorites among the A3 and A4 groups.



One of my picks in this category would have to be **Rye Patch Gold Corp.** That would have been true even before the recent property acquisition, which was the gold and silver resource from Coeur Rochester, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Coeur d'Alene Mines, the company that failed to keep its Nevada claims current. Rye Patch had already outlined 2,727,100 ounces along the Oreana Trend in Nevada and its exploration potential was sufficient to allow management to publicly state their goal of outlining 10 million ounces in Nevada. How many more ounces of gold plus silver the company will pick up from Coeur d'Alene

Mines' failure to file its claims remains to be seen.

However, whatever the number, it seems the claims picked up by Rye Patch form an essential piece of land needed to move Coeur Rochester's deposit into production. Therefore, it seems reasonable some sort of deal could be worked out between Rye Patch and Coeur d'Alene. It should be noted that Rye Patch is still a very low cap stock considering its 2.7 million gold-equivalent ounces, even before its recent acquisition by staking. Hence a buyout of Rye Patch at some price north of \$1.00 would seem to be reasonable, assuming that would be acceptable to shareholders. Rye Patch should be in the driver's seat regarding the Rochester Deposit since Rochester reportedly must have it to get into production. But whatever happens regarding the property picked up by Rye Patch, this is a very successful exploration company. Certainly, funding in the future could be a risk, but with the recent rise in its price following the acquisition of the Rochester property, a higher share price allowed Rye Patch to pick up another \$4,117,000 through the exercise of warrants. It has some \$7.3 million now, which will fund its significant exploration efforts next year. Plus sometime in the first half of 2012, we should get an updated resource number based on 2011 work, which I would expect to be considerably larger than the 2.7 million ounces.

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