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Canadian futures are mirroring global sentiments, dipping lower due to hawkish comments from Federal Reserve officials which spurred U.S. bond yields and sent global stocks on a downward trend. Gold too, followed this trend with losses, while the U.S. dollar solidified its position, even as oil prices slipped amid mixed supply signals.

In company-specific news from Canada, Chesapeake Gold Corp. (TSXV: CKG | OTCQX: CHPGF) made waves with an announcement about a gold discovery at their Lucy Project in Mexico. Emphasizing the significance, CEO Alan Pangbourne highlighted the potential of the first phase of the drill results and shared excitement about the prospects of the discovery. The Lucy project, near a major highway, was staked by Chesapeake in 2017, and initial exploration discovered zinc-bearing skarns. Recent drills revealed a northeast trending zone of skarn with significant gold mineralization.

Further north, Imperial Mining Group Ltd. (TSXV: IPG | OTCQB: IMPNF) is sponsoring a three-year research initiative at McGill University. This endeavor will delve into understanding the unique formation of the scandium/Rare Earths deposit at their Crater Lake Project. The research, steered by internationally recognized Dr. Anthony Williams-Jones, aims to aid in efficient identification of higher-grade zones, improving profitability.

West Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd. (TSXV: WRLG) has charted out an ambitious plan for its projects in the Red Lake Gold District of

Northwestern Ontario. They’re planning a 35,000-metre drill program for the Rowan Property, among other notable projects, aiming to put the Madsen Mine back into production by 2025. CEO Shane Williams praised the team’s efforts and expressed enthusiasm about the future.

On the U.S. front, the Russell 2000 index, reflecting the health of smaller U.S. firms, turned negative for the first time this year, spotlighting the concentrated gains in mega-caps. The U.S. Federal Reserve continues its discussions about a potential rate hike, with officials underlining the necessity of restrictive monetary policies to achieve the desired 2% inflation target.

From Europe and Asia, a possible rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve sparked debates. The European Commission is preparing to assess the weaponization risks posed by certain critical technologies. Meanwhile, in Britain, store chain prices rose at the slowest pace in a year this September. German footwear brand Birkenstock eyes a valuation of about $10 billion in its upcoming U.S. IPO. India’s meteorological updates hint at the driest August in over a century, and the Adani Group envisions expanding its integrated solar manufacturing capacity.

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