

## 2008 Q3 Review

### Mining, Technology & Energy

The last three months have seen the Canadian markets turn on their collective ear. The benchmark TSX/S&P Composite dropped from 14,500 to 11,800 in that span, a loss of nearly 19%. Even more worrisome was the lack of IPO activity during the quarter - the complete lack - as \$0 was raised and only four new listings were welcomed to the TSX. The continued negative data from America, Europe, and China point to an on-going economic slow down which should be felt strongly in Canada's manufacturing and finally resource exploitation sectors. With spot metals and oil prices fluctuating wildly yet declining steadily, look for stock prices to continue to ignore fundamentals and be subject to panic selling or euphoric buying.

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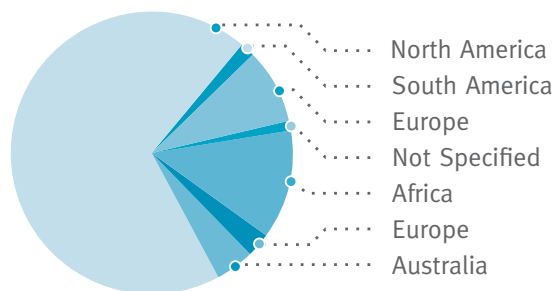
## Metals at a glance

Canadian listed companies raised over \$3.95 billion (CAD) in the third quarter of 2008, well below the \$5.10 billion in Q3 2007 but well above the \$2.00 billion raised in Q3 2006. Gold accounted for nearly 80% of financing dollars as the precious metal remained one of the few commodities not struck by the market downturn. Though the price fluctuated between \$750 (USD) and \$950 throughout the summer, it is still well above last summer's average of \$600. Barrick Gold Corp (ABX-TSX) led the sector in money raised, with three debt refinancing deals worth a total of \$1.25 billion (CAD) – funds that were also used to buyout the remaining interest in their Cortez property. The future looks shaky at best for base metals as copper, nickel, zinc, iron and silver have all felt the market's wrath to the tune of 50% or more.

### 10 Largest Mining Financings of 2008

COMPANY	FUNDS RAISED	TICKER
1. Barrick Gold Corp	500,000,000.00 CAD	ABX
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3. Orezone Resources Inc	351,714,000.00 CAD	OZN
4. Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd	320,640,000.00 CAD	AEM
5. Gold Wheaton Gold Corp	260,000,000.00 CAD	GLW
6. Barrick Gold Corp	250,000,000.00 CAD	ABX
7. Moly Mines Ltd	155,130,000.00 CAD	MOL
8. Sprott Resource Corp	90,043,925.00 CAD	SCP
9. Redcorp Ventures Ltd	85,000,000.00 CAD	RDV
10. Mirabela Nickel Ltd	81,512,000.00 CAD	MNB

### Financing by Region



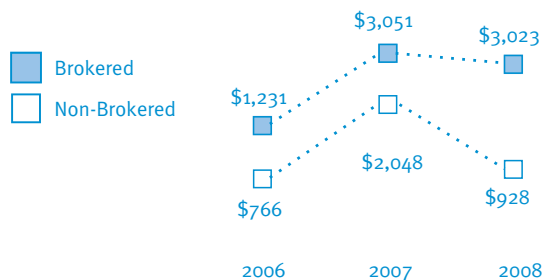
1. North America	2,763,280,516.77	CAD
2. Africa	488,165,729.65	CAD
3. South America	348,483,743.79	CAD
4. Australia	171,217,359.91	CAD
5. Europe	112,455,379.39	CAD
6. Asia	57,863,154.52	CAD
7. Not Specified	10,319,199.93	CAD

### Financings by Commodity (\$CAD)

Aggregates	\$9,000,000.00	Magnetite	\$47,000.00
Base metals	\$2,721,099.80	Molybdenum	\$165,256,540.30
Bauxite	\$2,872,500.00	Nickel	\$183,259,988.73
Chromite	\$4,416,499.50	PGE	\$2,349,998.90
Cobalt	\$3,080,000.00	Potash	\$55,750,200.00
Copper	\$110,156,068.24	Rare earth elements	\$2,916,130.00
Diamonds	\$57,399,134.88	Silicon	\$699,625.00
Gems	\$1,002,900.00	Silver	\$48,264,474.60
Gold	\$3,078,140,612.72	Titanium	\$1,149,278.48
Industrial minerals	\$51,290,305.04	Tungsten	\$14,971,465.06
Iron Ore	\$21,774,412.50	Zinc	\$124,155,850.29
Magnesium	\$2,125,000.00	Unspecified	\$8,985,999.93

### Total Financings

Brokered / Non-Brokered (\$000,000 CAD)

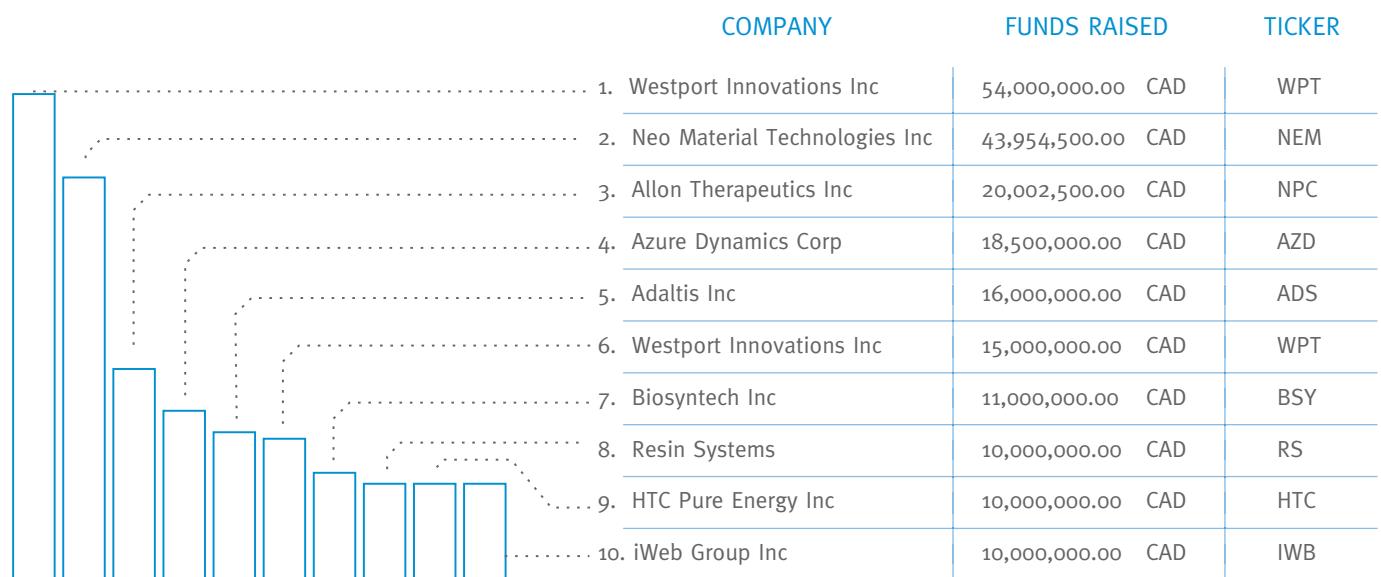


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## Technology at a glance

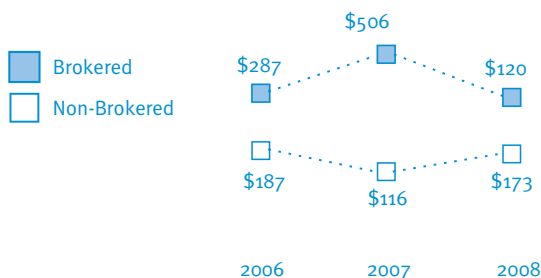
Canadian listed companies raised \$293 million (CAD) in the third quarter of 2008, less than half of the \$623 million raised in Q3 2007, and well below the \$475 million raised in Q3 2006. Clean fuel systems seem to be the new shining light in the sector, with green policies becoming an ever more important issue to people. With hybrid fuel vehicles becoming more reasonable and affordable, companies that help develop newer, cleaner engine design look to reap the rewards available. Also, cleaner power station technologies and systems would seem to be a logical next step forward as the search for a clean, viable and secure energy continues. Though the financing system hurts the tech sector disproportionately (as returns are highly speculative), look for technology to be a major growth sector in the coming years.

### 10 Largest Technology Financings of 2008



### Total Financings

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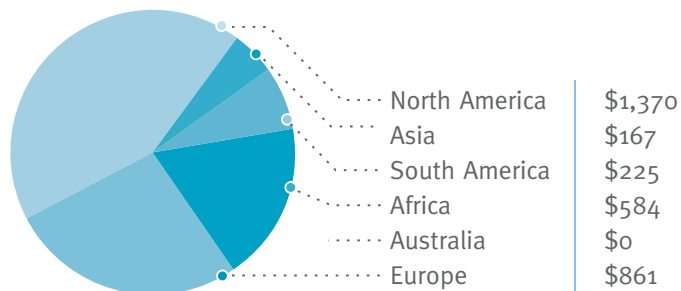


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## Energy at a glance

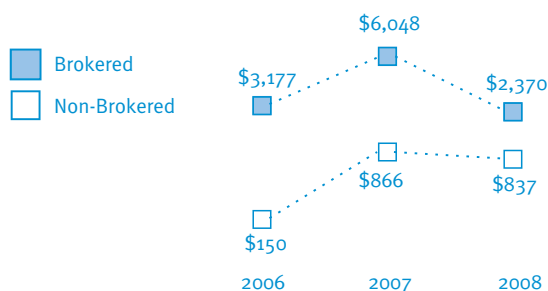
Canadian listed companies raised \$3.2 billion (CAD) in the third quarter of 2008, less than half of the \$6.91 billion raised in Q3 2007, and slightly less than the \$3.33 billion raised in Q3 2006. After crude had attained such lofty heights as to approach \$150 (USD) per barrel, the market stepped back and said enough. Demand was cut as the profitability of oil products was hampered by the extreme price rise. The large decline back to the \$110 range served to settle some economic fears, but given current indicators the price should continue to fall until production and development begin to be affected. Look for a \$60 barrel to be a strong barrier. Also look for concerns in the oil sands, as many development stage projects there are feasible only with prices above \$80, whereas only established players can afford to operate at the \$60 level.

### Financing by Region (\$000,000 CAD)



### Total Financings

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### 10 Largest Energy Financings of 2008

