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In early August the annual Diggers and Dealers resources conference will be held in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia. Which of the gold juniors will feature prominently at the conference? Explorer Gold Road Resources has been impressive with notable drill intersections at its Justinian and Central Bore gold projects on the Yamarna Belt in WA. Breakaway Resources reported last week a high grade intersection at the Surprise Ridge prospect which is part of its Eloise Exploration Project. Aphrodite Gold, last week announced some positive results at its Aphrodite Gold Project in WA. More results are likely to be reported to the Australian Securities Exchange in August. Papua New Guinea gold explorer Gold Anomaly revealed the assay results from its Crater Mountain gold project on July 12. Executive chairman Greg Starr welcomed the results. In June, gold producer Regis Resources reported the completion of its feasibility study into the development of its Garden Well project in Western Australia. Regis expects that in its first year, Garden Well will produce 247,000 ounces of gold. Gold developer OceanaGold Corp finished construction at its Didipio Project in the Philippines in June. West African gold producer Perseus Mining is expected to commence production at its Central Ashanti Gold Project in Ghana by the third quarter this year.

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Expect big news at mining conference Diggers and Dealers, writes **Dan Hall**.

New gold discoveries set tongues wagging every year ahead of the annual Diggers and Dealers resources gabfest in Kalgoorlie.

But which of the gold juniors could steal the show at this year's conference, which begins early next month?

Gold explorer Gold Road Resources continues to impress with more stunning drill intersections at its Central Bore and Justinian gold projects on the Yamarna Belt in Western Australia.

Gold Road owns tenements covering a whopping 5000 square kilometres of the Yamarna greenstone belt about 150

Rich pickings

Comparative performance (%)



kilometres east of Laverton on the eastern edge of the Yilgarn Craton. Gold Road's share price rocketed 7.69 per cent to 63c last week after it released results from its ongoing drilling program, which accounts

for only a fraction of the company's massive landholding.

The company revealed intersections of 40.1 grams of gold per tonne at its Central Bore target and intersections of 8.64 grams of

gold per tonne at its Justinian target.

The company's share price has risen by 540 per cent over the last 12 months on the drilling success, with strong gains after November 2010 and April 2011 resource updates.

West Australian gold explorer Breakaway Resources shot up 16.39 per cent to 7.1c in one day last week after it revealed a high-grade intersection at its Surprise Ridge prospect.

The Surprise Ridge prospect, 70 kilometres south-east of Cloncurry, lived up to its name with a drill intersection of 31.7 grams of gold per tonne.

The results are from the first of four priority targets being tested at Breakaway's 100 per cent-owned Eloise Exploration Project.

The junior miner's shareholders have been treated to 53 per cent

gains over the 2011 financial year.

Gold explorer Aphrodite Gold is showing some potential ahead of the Diggers conference despite a declining share price over the past 12 months. Gains in July have pared back shareholders' losses during the year. The stock is now just 11 per cent down over the last 12 months.

The company's share price closed up 15.79 per cent last Wednesday after it revealed some stellar results from its Aphrodite Gold Project near Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

On July 14 the company revealed 31 metres of gold mineralisation at 7.83 grams per tonne. The company also unveiled positive results of the first phase of a metallurgical test work program.

The metallurgical program is being undertaken as part of scoping and feasibility studies

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planned to be completed in the latter part of 2011 and first half of 2012 respectively. Further results are expected to be announced to the Australian Securities Exchange in August.

Papua New Guinea gold explorer Gold Anomaly is another which could turn heads at the Diggers conference in early August.

On July 12 the company released the assay results from its flagship Crater Mountain gold project. Executive chairman Greg Starr said he was very excited after receiving the assay samples.

The samples were the highest grade results from the company's maiden drill program at Crater Mountain.

They showed 46 metres of gold

mineralisation at 5.90 grams per tonne intersected from 44 metres.

The sample also included 2 metres at 98.20 grams per tonne from 74 metres depth.

The company's share prices is up by almost 100 per cent over the past 12 months following gains in July. On Monday the company entered a trading halt pending a "significant placement" of ordinary shares to raise capital.

Details of the placement are expected to be announced to the market early today.

Gold producer Regis Resources has increased 232 per cent over the last 12 months to 12-month highs.

On June 16 the company announced the completion of the definitive feasibility study into the development of its fully-owned

Garden Well gold project in Western Australia. Key operating results of the study include expected average annual gold production of 180,000 ounces.

Initially Garden Well will produce 247,000 ounces in the first year because of a high-grade ore zone on top of the deposit.

Development of the project is expected to take Regis's total gold production to around 350,000 ounces for financial year 2012-13. Project development is anticipated from this month, with commercial production early in the September 2012 quarter.

Gold developer OceanaGold Corp is further advanced having completed construction at its Didipio Project in the Philippines last month.

The project's cash costs for the first six years average negative \$79 an ounce as a result of copper credits. The project is likely to produce 100,000 ounces of gold a year on average for around 16 years.

OceanaGold's share price is down around 10 per cent over the past 12 months ahead of first production.

West African gold producer Perseus Mining has also impressed as it progresses towards first production by the third quarter of 2011. The company's Central Ashanti Gold Project in Ghana is aiming to produce gold at an initial 220,000 ounces in the first year, increasing to about 280,000 ounces in the second.

The company's share price has increased by 42 per cent over the past 12 months.

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