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ITHACA ENERGY (T-IAE) \$2.07 +0.08

We've been talking about how *Warren Verbonac* of *Union Securities* has been suggesting that if he could only buy one oil and gas stock it would be *Ithaca Energy*. The main reason is that it's timely. Some time very soon their supply ship, the *B.W. Athena*, should arrive on site and suddenly Ithaca's production for the North Sea should double, their cash flow increases dramatically and people might finally care.

Suddenly he is not alone as *Andrew Cook* is on BNN yesterday and also picks Ithaca Energy as his number one pick. We also think his other two ideas are worthy of mention too as *Antrim Energy (AEN)* is number two because of recent discoveries in the North Sea and *Coastal Energy (CEN)* has been coming up with huge discoveries offshore Thailand.

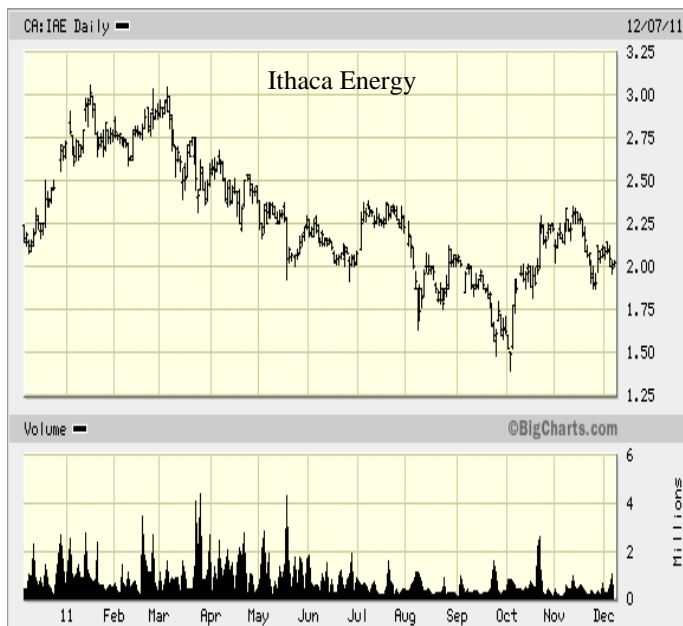
I suspect all three are popular choices, but the big question with Ithaca is just when are they going to announce that the much talked-about supply ship has left the ship yards in Dubai where it's had to have a wee bit of a re-haul. Lots of talk on the 'Bullboards' about that.

When we talked to the good folks at Ithaca today they tell us that news should be/could be out as early as tomorrow, for sure by week-end. Although we suggest "pretend we are your priest and you can tell us anything about what the news might be..." apparently we just don't look like a priest!

So the news is coming folks, it's just that we don't know what it is. Whether the ship has left port, whether it's already through the Suez Canal, that's it already been attacked by Somali pirates and being held for ransom, or whatever. But after a long, long wait this could be/should be good news.

Meanwhile, give Cook's take on BNN a look/see if you are new to the Ithaca story. What can go wrong next? Well in the oil and gas business we've learned over the last year just about anything can happen, but of course the big worry remains the price of oil. At \$100 a barrel like it is today, we should be having much more fun.

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CGX ENERGY	(V-OYL)	\$1.10 -0.01
TAG OIL	(T-TAO)	\$6.25 +0.18

Yesterday we took a trip down the road to Calgary to meet up with *John Clarke*, the VP of *CGX Energy* and a bunch of other oil and gassy kind of guys to find out what's going on with Clarke, formerly one of this country's top-ranked oil and gas analysts for two years running. These days his role with CGX Energy means that he is traveling the world almost constantly for conferences and the like so needless to say, we would expect him to come up with some interesting stories to be following in the oil and gas patch.

First onto CGX Energy. Clarke and just about everyone else is pondering the news from Inpex about how they spend over \$100 million and yet don't say anything about the results of their well offshore Suriname. Needless to say the rumors are everything from not much to a heck of a hole, but most people seem to be concentrating their thoughts on Inpex's deal with the Surinamese and if they want or need an extension on their lease and maybe there's just a whole bunch of dickering going on between Inpex and the Surinamese government.

I wouldn't be surprised to find out that CGX, after a 13/14 year wait, will be spudding their Jaguar play any day, any hour, and we will finally find out whether tiny CGX Energy has a chunk of a billion barrel play...or not...after this huge long wait.

Clarke is also on the board of directors of another high risk/high reward play which we will call a 'lottery ticket' kind of like CGX and that's Shoal Point Energy. As we mentioned, that's probably worth following now too.

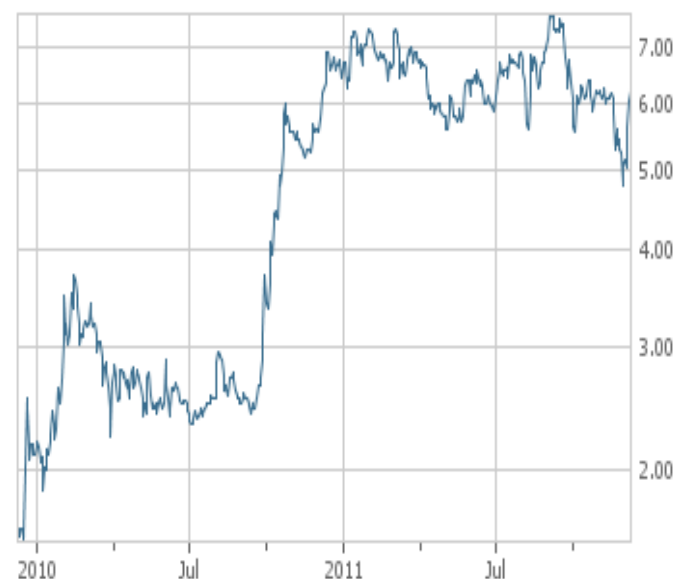
But we ask Clarke to turn on his crystal ball and find some plays that we should be watching at this time. He is a kind of fan of *Antrim Energy (AEN)* in the North Sea because of their recent discoveries and he thinks it has some traveling to do if and when the markets ever get a little more generous.

TAG Oil (TAO), he suggests looks like the oil shale could work plus given their other operations, giving this stock a firm base.

One stock that I'm sure you haven't heard of is Cove, which trades on the AIM market for their massive, possibly 30 TCF discovery on the East Coast of Africa in Mozambique. Tiny Cove only has about a 10% to 20% interest in the play and needless to say, plays like this take a long time to develop, but it is one he suggests is worth watching.



TAG Oil Ltd. (TSX : T.TAO)



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