

## Siddharth Rajeev: Don't Count Out Old King Coal Yet

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*Siddharth Rajeev, vice president of research for Fundamental Research Corp., talks about several of the bright spots he sees on the economic horizon in this exclusive interview with The Energy Report. Sid anticipates: recovery in 2010, with rising interest rates by the end of the year. . .longer-term growth in demand for uranium, which this year's commodity corrections somehow managed to overlook. . .continuing strength for rare earth metals as applications expand in electronics and alternative energy. . .even new faces on the coal front. Despite the push toward clean energy, Sid says coal won't go away anytime soon. One of the cheapest sources of fossil fuels in abundant supply, he says that coal is "tough to replace."*

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**TER:** Which other coal companies do you follow at this time?

**SR:** We have been watching [Goldsource Mines Inc. \(TSX.V:GXS\)](#) closely for some time now as the company's principal Scott Drever is the CEO of [SilverCrest Mines Inc. \(TSX.V:SVL\)](#), a company under coverage by Fundamental Research. GXS is developing Saskatchewan's newest coal resource discovery, and its work to date has outlined more than 170 million tons of good quality thermal coal in all NI 43-101 categories. The infrastructure is excellent with the border property being located near to major highways, railway and power. Some of the key aspects of the project are the quality of the coal, the open-pit mineability of the deposits and the comparability to coal mined in the Powder River Basin. GXS is currently finishing a drill program this winter to increase the resources and will be doing a Preliminary Economic Assessment in the next few months.

[Westcore Energy Ltd. \(TSX.V:WTR\)](#) is a coal company on our watch list as [49 North Resources Inc. \(TSX.V:FNR\)](#), headed by Tom MacNeill, recently acquired additional shares, which brings their total ownership up to 20%. FNR has recently come to our attention due to their success with the purchase agreement of [Athabasca Potash Inc. \(TSX.V:API\)](#) by [BHP Billiton Ltd. \(NYSE/ASX:BHP, PKSHEETS:BHPLF\)](#). We are monitoring both WTR and FNR and believe both companies warrant attention from the market. WTR also recently announced positive drilling results from a target that intersected a 7.12-meter thick carbonaceous zone starting at 47.45 meters below surface on its property.

**TER:** It's always educational chatting with you, Sid. We love hearing about those very interesting projects you seem to find in the beginning of their uptrend, and appreciate your sharing the information with us.

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