

The following is an extract from an article in the Australian by journalist Kevin Andrusiak on June 30, 2008.

Tien Shan helps China rise to top of gold producers

IT'S not too often that Daily Assay gets a stamp in the passport, but mining is such a global game that a whiff of mineralisation can take you anywhere.

Like Central Asia for example - where the horse meat sandwiches are cheap and the potential exploration ground is more virgin than a ... on second thoughts, we'd better not go there.

Daily Assay likes the look of this Tien Shan gold belt, which is the source of China's rapid rise to the top of the gold producing tree.

At latest count, there is an estimated 190 million ounces of gold reserves in various projects associated with the Tien Shan gold belt and it is little wonder it has attracted the attention of various Australian gold hopefuls like Perseus Mining and Kentor Gold.

Perseus, which is soon to spin off its gold projects into a new listing called Manas Mining after it got no love for its Kyrgyz Republic assets when they were housed in Perseus, has made a couple of discoveries in just over two years showing just how lucrative the joint can be.

Pretty soon Manas hopes to have 1 million ounces in resources.