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Banks face scrutiny over pricing of precious metals: WSJ
Tue Feb 24, 2015

(Reuters) - The U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ) and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission are investigating at least 10 major banks for possible rigging of precious-metals markets, the Wall Street Journal reported, citing people close to the inquiries.

DoJ prosecutors are scrutinizing the price-setting process for gold, silver, platinum and palladium in London, while the CFTC has opened a civil investigation, the newspaper said.

The banks are HSBC Holdings Plc, Bank of Nova Scotia, Barclays Plc, Credit Suisse Group AG, Deutsche Bank AG, Goldman Sachs Group Inc, JPMorgan Chase & Co, Societe Generale, Standard Bank Group Ltd and UBS Group AG, the Journal said.

Standard Bank spokesman Erik Larsen declined to comment on the report. The other banks, the DoJ and CFTC did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The CFTC issued a subpoena to HSBC Bank USA in January seeking documents

related to the bank's precious metals trading operations, HSBC said on Monday.

The DoJ also issued a request to HSBC Holdings in November seeking documents related to a criminal antitrust investigation it is conducting in relation to precious metals, HSBC said.

Precious metal benchmarks have come under increased regulatory scrutiny since a scandal broke in 2012 over manipulation of Libor interest rates.

HSBC was one of several banks named in lawsuits filed in U.S. courts last year alleging a conspiracy to manipulate gold, silver, platinum and palladium prices, as well as precious metals derivatives, during the daily precious metals fixes. The century-old gold fix is a standard price for the metal that banks set twice a day over the phone. Some gold traders claim they were harmed by a scheme to manipulate the fix.

The banks operating the precious metals benchmarks, known as the fixes, said last year they would no longer administer that process. An electronic daily silver price benchmark is now administered by Thomson Reuters and CME Group, while the London Metal Exchange provides twice-daily benchmark platinum and palladium prices.

ICE Benchmark Administration will run an electronic gold price benchmark from March 20 to replace the London gold fix. Switzerland's financial watchdog said in November it had found a "clear attempt" to manipulate precious metals price benchmarks.

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How a Russian "Treasure Map" led to trillions in embezzlement efforts. Click the links below to read the many thousands of news stories about this crime. The minerals used for Solyndra, Fisker, Abound, Tesla and the other DOE companies under investigation came from Afghanistan:



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According to one version of the story, The CIA found this Russian "treasure map" that said there were "trillions of dollars" of lithium in Afghanistan. Some claim the map was concocted by some Russian business men as a scam to sell some mining equipment that was sitting around.

A few CIA agents were sent into Afghanistan to check this out and, indeed, found Lithium in a few spots but nobody ever surveyed to see how much, if any, beyond the few tests sites, there really was.

So this tale of the "Trillions of dollars of lithium" made its way to the hype-squad at Goldman Sachs and, via them, to the Silicon Valley VC's like John Doerr, Tim Draper and others..

Arnold Scharzenegger knew the "Russian Boys", from his movies there, and hauled a big chunk of Silicon Valley to Russia to pitch them. He was thinking it could be a GOP deal

Sachs and the Silicon Valley VC's said: "Hey, let's take over Afghanistan AND monopolistic-ally control the Lithium Battery and Electric Car industries and we will be golden!"

Then the Chicago political mob headed by Rahm Emanuel, Ed Daly, Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, etc. said: "We will open the routes to you guys, exclusively!, if you fund Obama's campaign." They turned it into a DNC scheme.

Sachs and Silicon Valley said: "OK". Then Reid and Feinstein wanted their piece of the action. Then the Russians wanted their piece.

By then the whole thing had gotten so corrupt, mob-like and crooked that it Tsunami'd into Solyndra, Fisker, Abound, the Steven Chu and 80% of the White House staff resignations and a bunch of criminal investigations into political and stock market manipulation. Now The U.S. Congress has found that Goldman Sachs does, indeed, manipulate mining commodities and bribe politicians. More investigation reports are expected to be revealed in 2015...

Some say the GOP figured out that the magical Afghan Lithium Fields were a scam and that lithium dangerously self-ignites, so they foisted the map off on the DNC financiers, thus playing the DNC and Silicon Valley like fools, in the biggest practical joke in history.

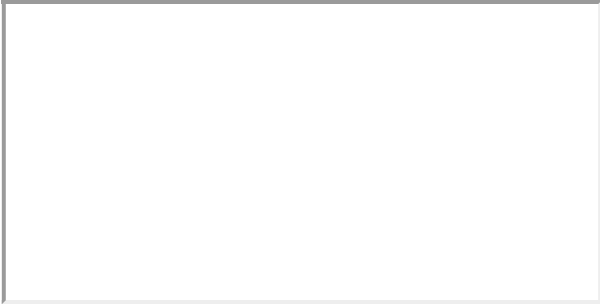
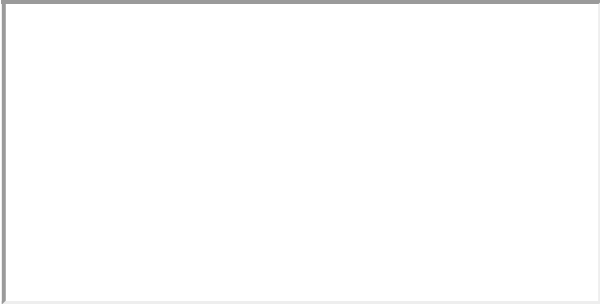
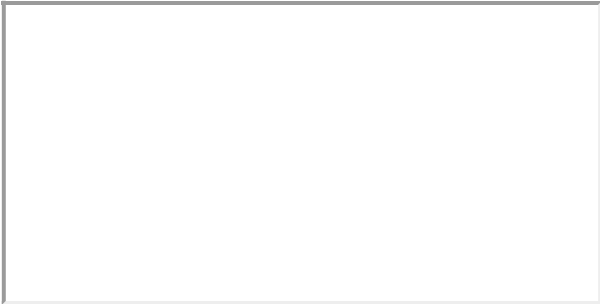
As of today the Afghan war has cost the U.S. over one and a half TRILLION dollars and, according to sociologists and economists, yielded no known benefits. The lithium, the gas pipelines and global goodwill goals have all turned out to be false hopes. Yale University calculates that 80% of the cash sent to Afghanistan disappeared in corruption.

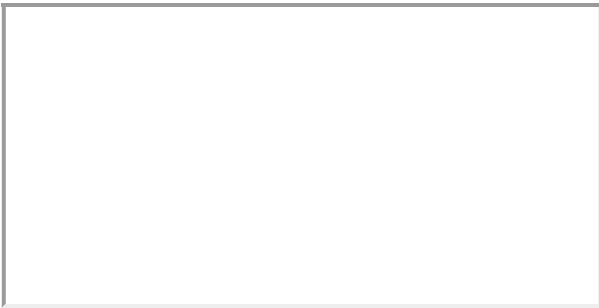
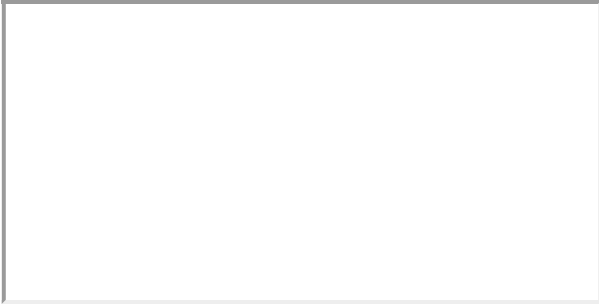
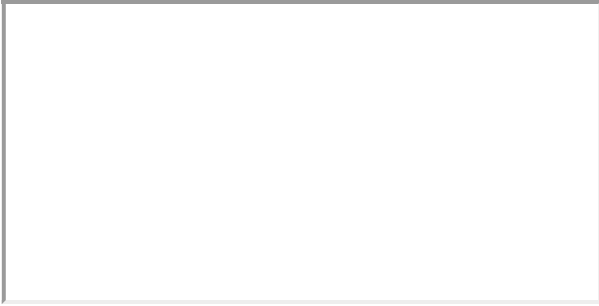
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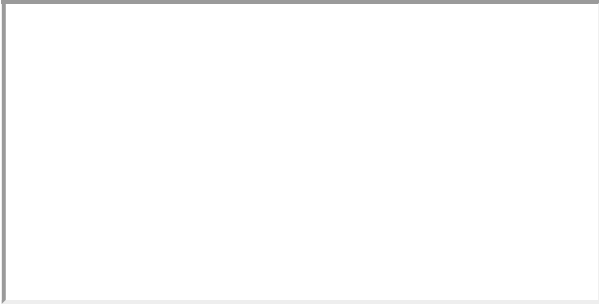
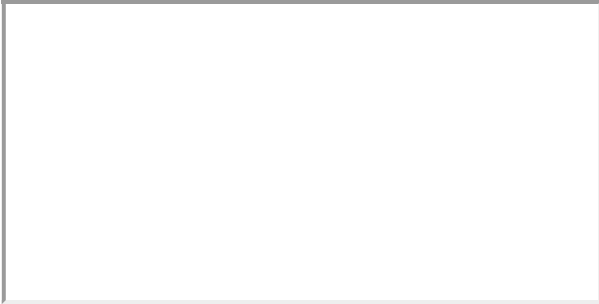
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